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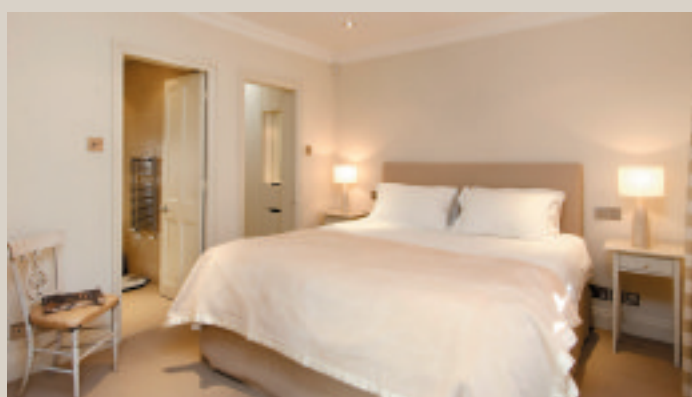
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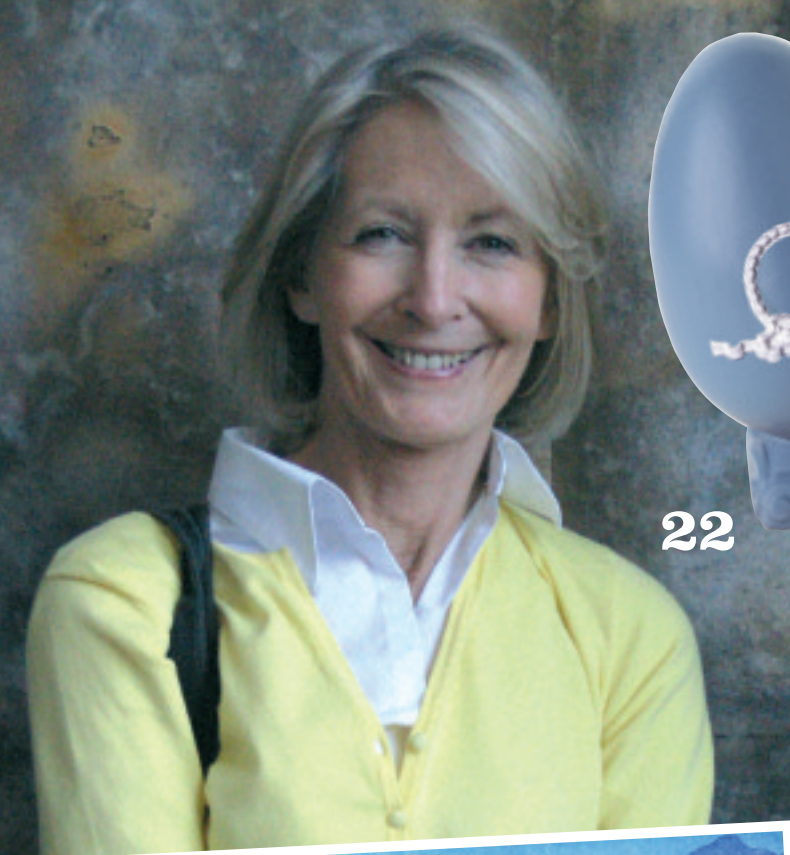




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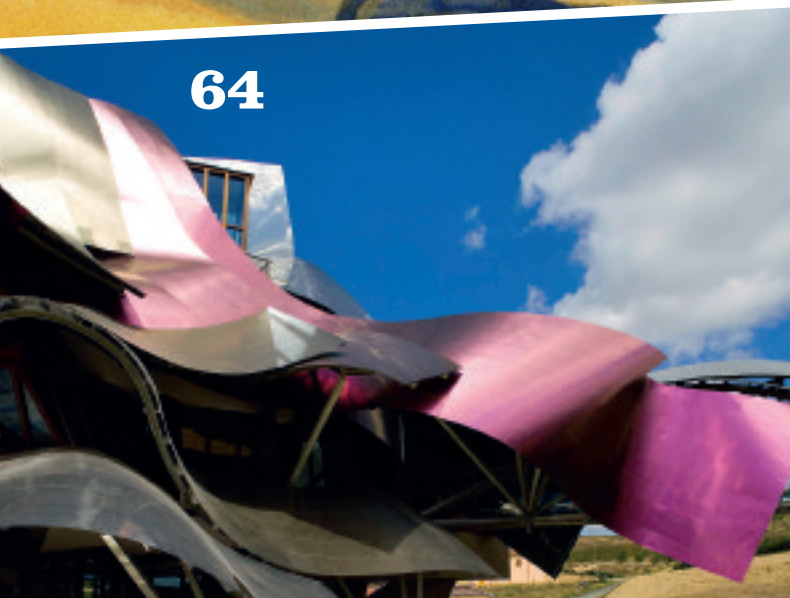
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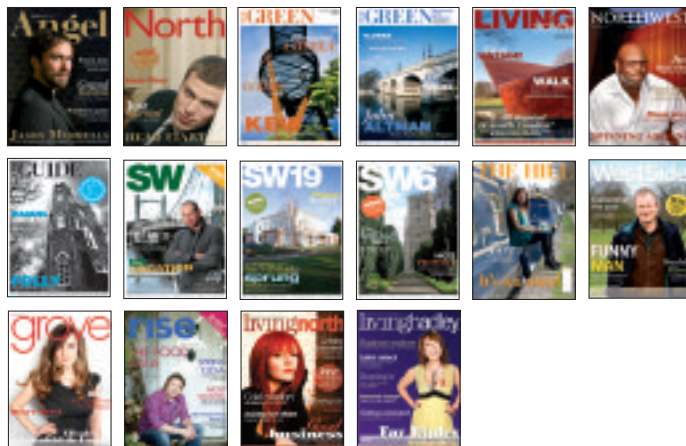
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## Editor's Letter



I'm moving house. Our children refuse to stop growing so we are going against the current grain and upsizing. So far, it's been a real insight into our changing property market. Estate agents are falling over themselves to be of service. A year ago I couldn't get anyone to answer the phone to come and do a valuation but now I've had them coming in pairs, like animals into the ark. My phone is constantly ringing with attentive updates, everyone has been quite solicitous and

they are all more than happy to go on a multi-agency deal for a fee that would have been laughable a year ago. One could almost say there is a silver lining to the current mess we are in. I've also been reminded just how farcical the whole process of moving house can be. There we are manically decluttering our home, filling the garden shed till it's bursting with child-related plastic monstrosities and forcing box after box into the cupboard under the stairs. Then we charge round other people's homes where they welcome us, teeth gritted, beads of sweat on their brow. We peer around their suspiciously clutter-free home before opening a cupboard or two and being deluged by possessions. It all feels like a bit of a pantomime really.

We are focusing on hearth and home in *The Resident* this month with our **special interiors issue**. We have a wealth of great people, products and ideas for your house. Judith Wilson has done a round up of **interiors news** on page 38 and on page 45 she interviews **Felicity Loudon** whose novel approach to selling interiors accessories has given her quite a following amongst those in the know. Judith also had the good fortune to explore **Olga Polizzi's** hidden Brussels. The Belgian capital has become a design hot spot and Judith discovered its hidden gems with the help of Polizzi's considerable know-how. Nikki Salamony meets another design visionary on page 41. **Sally Storey** is responsible for the lighting wizardry that is John Cullen Lighting, and with a new flagship showroom on the King's Road, Storey explains why she'll always be passionate about lighting design. We also have a round up of the **best children's furniture** on page 34 and a directory of the **best interiors businesses** on page 42.

I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to **Raffaella Barker**, our new columnist. Raffaella will be known to many of you. A successful novelist and writer, she's also a country girl at heart and joins us with a light-hearted look at how to 'do' the country in London, for all of us who've had to bid sayonara to the cottage in the Cotswolds. Read her column on page 14.

I hope you enjoy this issue,

Amanda Constance  
Editor



# Exactitude Hyperrealist Art Today

John Russell Taylor  
Edited by Maggie Bollaert

Published to complement the series of shows 'Exactitude' at the Plus One Gallery in London, this book presents a selection of astonishing works by contemporary artists practising in a figurative, hyperrealist style.

- Includes works by such artists as Pedro Campos, Ben Johnson, David Ligare, Cynthia Poole, John Salt, Cesar Santander, Ben Schonzeit, Tjalf Sparnaay and Craig Wylie
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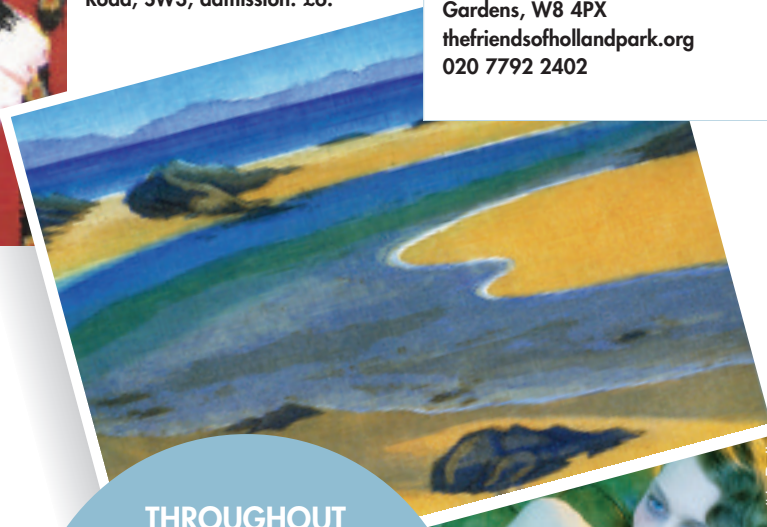
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The 14th Annual Chelsea Art Fair features 35 galleries and offers a wide range of original paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture and mixed media works, all for sale over four days. **Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, SW3, admission: £6.**

## 1 APRIL

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Miles Aldridge's vibrant and luminous contemporary figurative shots from his latest exhibition, 'Doll Face', at Hamiltons Gallery are the best marriage of art and fashion photography.

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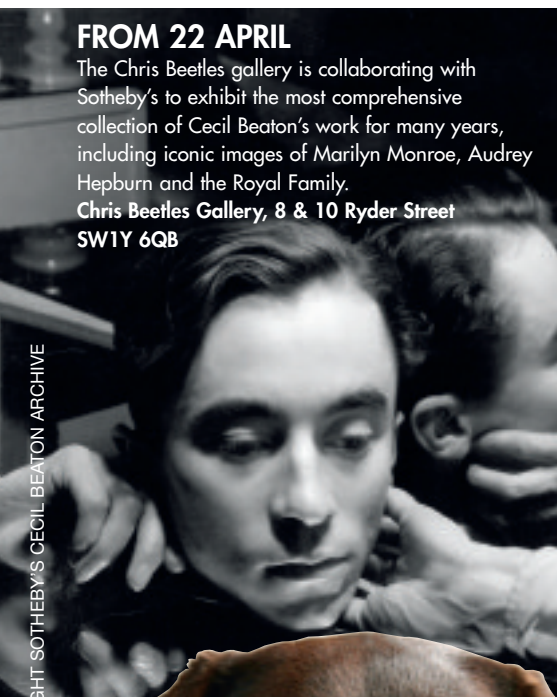
Miles Aldridge, Madame Reve #1, Doll Face, courtesy of Hamiltons Gallery

# Diary

By Lydia Williams

## FROM 22 APRIL

The Chris Beetles gallery is collaborating with Sotheby's to exhibit the most comprehensive collection of Cecil Beaton's work for many years, including iconic images of Marilyn Monroe, Audrey Hepburn and the Royal Family. **Chris Beetles Gallery, 8 & 10 Ryder Street SW1Y 6QB**



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## FROM 16 APRIL

An exhibition of David Roberts first edition lithographs of Egypt and the Holy Land are on show and on sale at the Mathaf Gallery this month **24 Motcomb Street, SW1X 8JU**  
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## 5 APRIL

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# Chelsea girl

...on the upside of the credit crunch

**H**ow, acquaintances from outside Kensington & Chelsea ask, "is the credit crunch affecting Chelsea?" Well, you can't move without tripping over newly liberated financiers, young enough not to have crippling mortgages or wives sulking over returning the Platinum Amex. Now they're full of the joys of freedom and spring, thrilled that at 8am when previously they would have been being shouted at in their third meeting of the morning, they can be out in the sun, ordering an Americano.

Years ago, I lived in a flatshare in Knightsbridge which meant absurdly my corner shop, for those irritating moments when I realised I was out of milk and loo rolls, was Harvey Nichols Fifth Floor.

More irritatingly still, this coincided with the Fifth Floor Bar's rise to be London's then No. 1 pick-up joint. As I stood in the lift up, tired after work, mentally cursing having forgotten to buy milk at Cannon Street Sainsburys, longing only for home, a sushi delivery and sleep, Flavio Briatore-lookalike Eurotrash in smoked sunglasses – and occasionally Flavio himself – would go "Ciao bella, I buy you a glass of champagne inna the Bar, no?" No. Finally I thought I should resort to a T-shirt printed with "The only thing I want to pick up here is a pint of semi-skimmed."

**In Starbucks on the Fulham Road, I need a T-shirt saying "I'm only here for the grande semi-latte"**

Now as I walk into Starbucks on Fulham Road in search of morning caffeine, I wish I had that T-shirt again, changed to "I'm only here for the grande semi latte," as fresh-faced young men in their erstwhile Dressdown Friday best abandon updating their Facebook profile on their Macbooks (Blackberries handed back with the job) to rush to offer cinnamon sugar, their Skype connection and "much, much more" as personal ads put it.

Redundant older bankers too don't seem aloof from this, as their weary pallor gets replaced by a light tan from sitting on the small patio of the small flat in Drayton or Courtfield Gardens, left over from the divorce after their wife realised no spending money and a husband she actually saw was not the marriage she envisaged. Even Small Son's filthiest looks don't deter them. Quite the contrary, they assume I'm a foreign au pair, anxious to go clubbing on my nights off. In fact, most of Chelsea's staff population have returned to Poland or the Philippines with their hard-earned savings. Those left, instead of being yelled at for not having the efficiency levels that would have made them MD of a medium-sized company rather than a cleaner or nanny, seem suddenly to be valued by women shaken by their own loss of income and status. I've started bumping into my friends, rather than their housekeepers, shopping in Waitrose, guilty that they're not in Lidl, but "where is it darling"? Some are skulking round the aisles in dark glasses, shamed that they're no longer in Harrods Food Hall, and I realise that for them Waitrose is their Lidl! I hesitate to conclude the credit crunch has made Chelsea a warmer, more romantic place to live but, as another young ex-Lehmans banker gallantly pushes the traffic light button for me, I do wonder....



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# *The grass is Greener*

**Raffaella Barker... lands a big one in Battersea**

**H**aving spent the last 15 years living full time in Norfolk, I recently returned to London ready to immerse myself in the sophisticated pleasures of the city. I believed I was yearning to shed muddy boots and the bleat of sheep in favour of heels and the hum of traffic. And to an extent I was, but I underestimated the resonance of what I love about the countryside. The peace and the tranquil order of the changing seasons, the force of nature and its beauty soothes my soul like nothing else can. The coo of a wood pigeon at dusk and the heady scent of spring flowers are indefinable delicate pleasures I did not know I loved until I lost them. Within days of first hitting the pavements again, I was doing my best to find a pocket of my hayseed life in town. What I found was reassuring: that there are many elysian pleasures to be found in the city if we take the trouble to look for them. And bywater is a rewarding place to start.

So for those who are sadly contemplating the credit crunch necessity of saying goodbye to a weekend cottage, don't despair, unpack your fishing rods and make for a stretch of water, anywhere from Battersea Park to Hampton Court and Richmond Park or maybe even a stretch of the Thames at Cheyne Walk.

## **My friend Jonny Agius reckons there are 40lb carp in The Basin on Lots Road**

Battersea Park. But once armed with a wad of paperwork, the water is yours and London has amazingly various fishing options.

My fish-friendly friend, Jonny Agius's favourite place to fish is in the Garden Pond at Hampton Court, though he also likes Ham House and remembers fondly a former haunt in Chelsea, a spot known as The Basin on Lot's Road. "It's a private car park now," he muses, "but it used to be really good, I've seen a 22lb carp there and I reckon there are 40lb ones lurking in the depths."

I have to confess that my own fishing triumphs have been confined to a stickleback in a jam jar, caught with a net when I was six. Apparently sticklebacks are now very rare, and certainly in London, where I am told I am more likely to catch pike, tench, carp and perch. My fishing might have got bigger and better had I not been bitten on the heel by a pike when swimming in the Mill Pond down the river from home. This gave me a Jaws-style terror of those pools that rivers have under drooping willow, but I have been assured often since then by experts that this was most unusual and even that perhaps it wasn't a pike but a bit of glass in the river bed.

I still have the scar, a satisfying and slightly sexy inverted V on my Achilles heel, and I am no more going to let go of the story of the girl-eating pike than Johnny Agius is of his 40lb carp.



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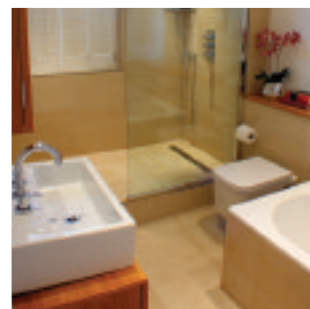
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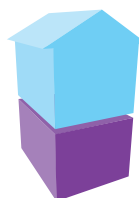
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## GOING THE WHOLE HOG

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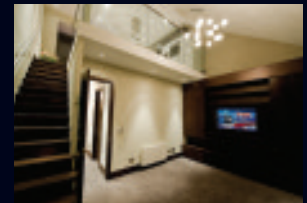


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# *Etiquette*

The Monster-in-Law – AKA the Mother-in-law. Is she really that bad? I had to laugh the other day; I was joking with my mother-in-law at the checkout at Tesco's. The cashier asked me, "Is that your mother?" "No, my mother-in-law," I replied laughingly. He raised his eyebrows nervously. "Don't worry, we get on very well," I said. But what if you are not so lucky?

The first thing to set straight when dealing with the MIL, however well you get on with her, is understanding how long she is planning to stay. I would advocate no more than three nights and certainly no more than five. The reason for such a limit is that most MILs cannot help themselves. They just have to butt in and tell you how to run your home. Remember MILs do this because they have raised your husband, presumably successfully, if you are now married? MILs have run their own home and will tell you to do all manner of irritating things like de-clutter, clean your oven and take more pride in your appearance. They



### **If managed correctly, MILs can be a valuable source of child-minding**

may even go as far to tell you that your house is disgusting. You won't be surprised to hear me telling you that in this instance she has well and truly stepped over the mark. Take a deep breath, remember what the consequences would be if you blew your top and throw her your wittiest comment. If you can't think of a witty comment, simply show her where the duster, mop and Hoover live. She will soon change her tune and will begin to sympathise with you on how the world has changed. "In my day, the cleaner came every day and that was why we called her the daily..."

If managed correctly, mothers and MILs alike can be a valuable source of child minding. Bear in mind that MILs always feel like an outsider in their daughter-in-law's home. They know, that nine times out of 10, you will look to your mother for support and they are right. Set the boundaries from the beginning. Speak to your MIL as if she were a sentient human being, not a robotic nanny. Remember, it is a very different kettle of fish when you are paying someone to look after your child. You can ask the staff to Dettol the high chair and the whole house if you so require but not the MIL. She will need numerous cups of tea/glasses of wine to sustain her through one toddler's feeding session. Which reminds me, make sure you have sufficient supplies of Chardonnay in the house on her arrival – but not too much – you don't want a drunken babysitter.

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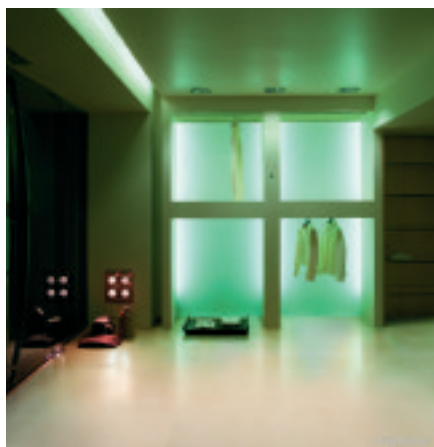
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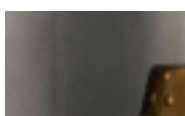
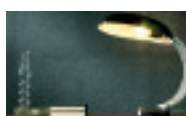
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# Global Asset

With her looks and legacy, Sandra Howard is credited with boosting her husband's political fortunes. But with a third book out and plans a plenty, the original It-girl tells **Nancy Alsop** that she's more than just a Tory wife

I arrive, decidedly windswept, at Sandra Howard's Pimlico house on a biting cold afternoon. My hostess, by contrast, is immaculate; her ash-blonde bob-length hair neatly curled under, and an off-duty, but nevertheless tidily elegant, pencil skirt and blouse combo attests, 40-odd years on, to the fact that she was one of the 1960's premier models. Today, however, I am here to talk literature; this late-blooming but accomplished novelist is on the eve of publishing her third book, the last in a page-turning trilogy which weaves together love, politics, journalism, and, in this latest – terrorism. But before we get down to business she whips up a dainty tray of tea and tidbits and leads me up to the sitting room and an improbably plump chintz sofa, while portraits of Sandra and her husband Michael, ex-leader of the Conservative Party, gaze down at us.

Sandra Howard could be a tricky interviewee. That combination of beauty and brains often produces egos to match, and I wonder whether in having been privy so unreservedly to the world of politics she might have perfected that clam-like response to questioning. By contrast, I find a gentle and engaging character – bright, articulate but considered, even a shade diffident. I ask her how she felt when she got her two-book deal. “I couldn't believe it, especially for someone like me who'd never been to university or ever had a clue about anything.” Likewise, when I remind her that a certain newspaper once named her as her husband's “best asset”, she is quick to rebuff any such charge: “His worst asset!” she cries, before tempering her response, “I think I was his common man. The wonderful thing is that he likes talking. I could sound off to him and he'd listen but the amount of times I persuaded him in any other direction I could count on one finger. Well, maybe one hand.”

You'd never guess at Howard's innate reserve from her gutsy writing. A Matter of Loyalty is her third novel, and reintroduces characters from Glass Houses (2006) and Ursula's Story (2007) as well as new ones, such as Ahmed, a fledgling undercover reporter who is sent on an investigation to Leeds following terrorist attacks in London. It's heavy stuff, and could easily have been botched, but the

Tory wife sitting opposite me has a knack of producing an unflinching – and convincing – narrative. Still, it must have been nerve-wracking. “I wanted something topical – I get very upset about people being put into pigeon holes. After the 7/7 bombs, I went by tube when they had just started running again. I was on the platform with a Muslim man with a big black beard and a bag. I thought it must be awful for him. He's going to be thinking that I'm thinking that he's about to bomb us. Which I wasn't.” Does she worry about terrorism? “I never worry about anything. I'm very fatalistic.” Howard certainly took her research seriously, enlisting the help of a Muslim friend and spending time in Harehills, an inner city area of east Leeds, close in geography and character to Beeston, where the leader of the 7/7 bomb attacks hailed from.

Equally – though less startlingly – Howard has also given a voice to politicians in detailing the internal struggles and unremitting hours. “However much politicians get their private lives in a tiz, it doesn't mean they're not responsible about their jobs. But then they do go in knowing these things and I would be terribly against obstructing the press – I think freedom of the press is vital, whatever the downside.”

She should know. Michael Howard was Home Secretary from 1993 until New Labour's landslide victory. “The hardest job is the Home Secretary. Because of the dawn calls. If you get through the night and the alarm wakes you, it's a good night.” The couple also knows what it is to be at the heart of a scandal. When they met at a Red Cross Ball, she was already married to Nigel Grandfield, her third husband. But she was won over when, at the dance, Michael discovered that she had never read *Tender Is The Night*. A couple of days later, he sent it to her. She then duly called him up to tell him what she thought of it. So it was a literary union from the off? “Yes, I suppose in a way it was. Although it was also an excuse to stay in contact.”

They married in 1975, and have two children, Nicholas, now an evangelical preacher (“but he still has a sense of humour – he's alright really”), and Larissa, who lives in the States with her new husband, about whom Howard is effusive. She also has a son Sholto, from her first marriage to Robin Douglas-Home, (nephew of the Conservative

**Howard's Sixties incarnation was Sandra Paul, model, It-girl and bee-hived lovely**



prime minister Alec Douglas Home) who works for a global recruitment consultancy. It is, she says, partly through them that she checks the authenticity of the youthful dialogue in the books, as well as through her work for Addaction, an alcohol and drug treatment charity. Though not everyone has been entirely complimentary about her commitment to realism. "I went to talk at a book club near Colchester. A matronly lady looked at me, and said: 'I don't like the language. It's disgusting.' So I thought 'Oh dear.' Then an elderly man said: 'I'm a scoutmaster. If I couldn't talk to my boys in a language they understand, I'd get nowhere.' It was such a relief."

It's all a far cry from Howard's 1960s incarnation as Sandra Paul, model and London It-girl. Along with countless other bee-hived young lovelies, she was often to be found having long Sunday lunches at 235 on the King's Road. She was also a hit across the Atlantic, having graced the cover of US Vogue for two months consecutively. "I was there, I was British, it was the in-thing. Right place, right time. I know the Sixties are supposed to be the root of all evil, but it was such a creative time. We had people like Bailey and Terry Donovan and they were just so good. They changed the face of British fashion, and even the music industry – it was a creatively flowering time."

Howard was meeting legends both sides of the pond, most notably JFK and Frank Sinatra. (Legend has it that Sholto was conceived at Sinatra's house; Ol' Blue Eyes was one of Sholto's godfathers.) "I still can't quite believe it! My first husband had written to Sinatra to ask whether he could write a book about him. We sold everything just to get two tickets to California, and were taken straight to a party, and there was Bing Crosby, Sinatra, all these people. Sinatra had just bought his first jet, and he said: 'You kids had better come on my inaugural flight.' This inaugural flight involved three weeks around San Francisco, Las Vegas and Palm Springs. And the music was just wonderful – his wonderful voice."

But just as she insists that she had never had much of a clue, when I suggest to Howard that her style and personal history have made her something of an icon, she immediately demurs: "No! I don't understand fashion. I just don't have an eye. When Michael was leader, I was desperate, and I went to a British designer sale, and the woman there introduced me to her friend who had a fantastic wardrobe – she'd done some fashion on telly, and she was so nice and said: 'it's my bit for the party – why don't you just borrow my clothes?' I got away with it!"

There you have it: Sandra Howard, a very diffident literary and style icon.

*A Matter of Loyalty* by Sandra Howard, Simon and Schuster, £12.99



Sandra and Michael Howard



Pictures clockwise: Sandra Howard with Frank Sinatra in 1961; with her fourth husband, former Conservative Party leader Michael Howard; her new novel *A Matter of Loyalty* and a recent picture of the author



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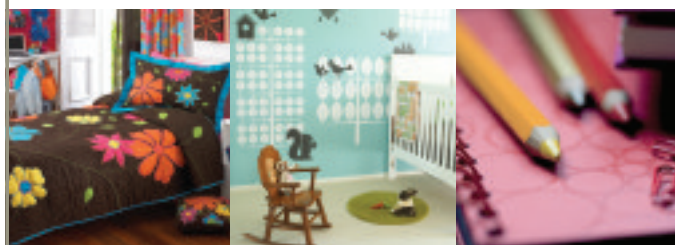
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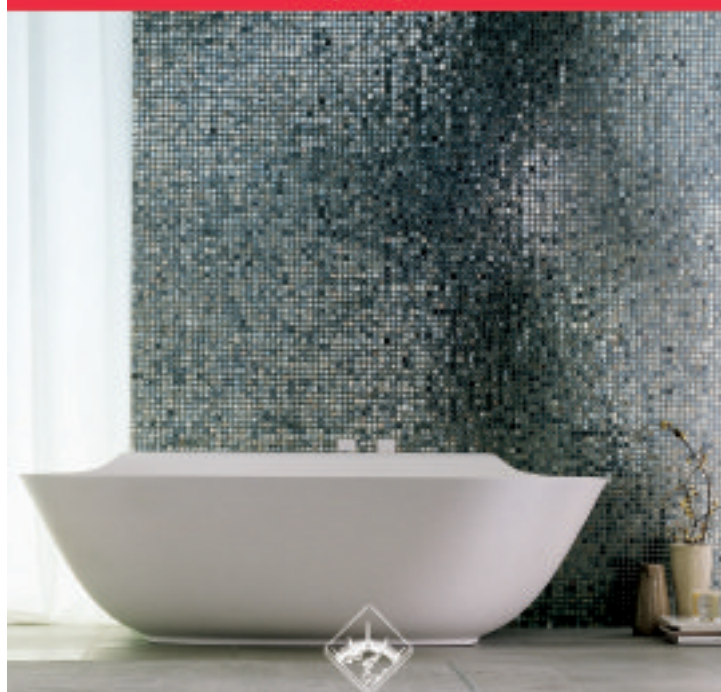
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## BOOK REVIEW

*Living in White*, new out from Coco Books (£19.99), is just the thing to whet your appetite for warm, lazy days. It is a book dedicated to celebrating life in a hot climate, so there are houses from the Mediterranean to the Caribbean, beachside villas in South Africa and laid-back living in California. As well as beautiful homes to inspire, there are tips here for decorating with hot, spicy colours such as magenta pink and orange, and clever ideas for achieving cool style in hot climes, including how to adapt your living quarters to life in a steamy climate. Essential reading for anyone dreaming of summer living.

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# Interiors

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## LUXURIOUS LIGHTING

These days, the presence of good-looking table lamps are as necessary to an elegant interior as jewellery is to a great outfit.

**Emily Todhunter's** lights have been cutting a dash in the capital's drawing rooms for several years, and she now has 34 designs in her collection. We think that these beautifully simple Soda lamps are just right for today's mood of pared down, colourful glamour. Available in hand-blown lead crystal and in three fresh shades – white, cranberry or olive – they come with a 14" x 11" cream linen drum shade with white interior, and cost £1,518, plus £200 for the drum shade. View them at [emilytodhunter.com](http://emilytodhunter.com) or at the Best and Lloyd showroom, 15 Worlds End Studios, 132-134 Lots Road, SW10 0RJ, 020 7349 7160

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And hotfoot it down to the brand new **Missoni** store, all 3,500sqft of it. Just opened on Sloane Street, the boutique will showcase not just the iconic womenswear and menswear, but the ever-popular homeware collections, too. Extraordinary thought it may seem, the brand – with its distinctive chevrons and vibrant hues – has now been in existence for over 50 years, and Missoni is not just a worldwide fashion label, but a great place to come for trendy home accessories, too. Customers visiting the store will be greeted with a super cool fringed pendant lamp from the home collection, and walls throughout are painted in the understated Missoni white, the ultimate neutral background to display the zany colours and patterns. Find it at 193 Sloane Street, SW3 or visit [missoni.com](http://missoni.com) for more information.



## IT'S A SNIP

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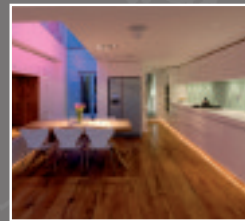
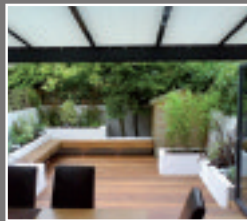
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# Let there *be light*

Lighting designer Sally Storey is the visionary behind the new John Cullen showroom. Nikki Salamony is dazzled

No longer will a dining table pendant light and a standing lamp suffice. These days your ambient, task and feature lights need to be addressed and first lady of lighting, Sally Storey is the only woman to do it. In between launching her new book, *Perfect Lighting* and hopping off to light the Four Seasons Hotel in Marrakech, she's found time to design and launch the new John Cullen lighting showroom on the King's Road.

It is impossible not to share Storey's enthusiasm for lighting. "I have a passion for light and shadow, being able to manipulate space and control what you see is the most wonderful power. As a lighting designer you can control what the main features of a room are and change people's perception... it's magical." The sleek interior of the new John Cullen showroom, designed by Storey herself, screams cool, contemporary living and the room sets are designed "to help you visualise, because visualising is really very difficult". The lighting pod is where the magic happens, you can experience the inspiring techniques

and see all the possibilities in a lighting demonstration. "You will be run through a whole myriad of lighting techniques from a wall-wash effect right through to a single pin spot effect. This will explain the very basics of lighting," she says.

Storey's love of light began when studying architecture at Bristol University. "I was fascinated by how both natural and artificial light modelled a space and by the play of shadows," she explains. A chance interview with lighting guru, John Cullen for a holiday job in the Eighties led to her designing his first showroom, and the rest is history.

Now the director of John Cullen Lighting and mother of three, busy is putting it lightly. Her starry client list includes David Bowie and Jemima Khan, and she has worked wonders on prestigious hotels including, One Aldwych and most recently The Spa at Gleneagles. "So many people go to amazing hotels and want to bring a bit of that flavour home. Because of the knowledge from the work I do, we can help a client to achieve that," she says.

But what about those of us who are credit-

**I have a passion for light and shadow, being able to manipulate space and control what you see is the most wonderful power**

crunched out, surely a lighting design scheme is way beyond reach? "No project is too small – we have a one-room service so we can literally do a whole palace or just one bathroom. We can work to any budget – if you wanted a Fibre Octave star-lit ceiling with frame projectors you are going very high-end, but the simple effect of a focus of light on some flowers and four little corner up-lighters in a room could be equally as dramatic and not cost a lot."

Storey is adamant that lighting is an essential element to make an interior work. "The whole idea is how can you make a space work harder? You can manipulate it with light. You can make a space that is open plan, light and airy for day use, intimate for evening – you can't do that with interior finishes, you can't change effects," she says. "I pioneered the idea of layering light, to get a mood in a room. So, for example, the trend at the moment is to have a focus of light in the centre of your dining table, your lamps might provide an infill light, then your bookshelves are lit – it's the idea of bringing layers of light to each level."

Lighting design has come a long way and with new energy restrictions introduced, energy efficiency is paramount and Storey, as always, is at the forefront of the most contemporary, compliant designs. "One of the key things I want to show is knowing how to use the low-energy sources successfully and how to achieve the best results so we still have a wonderful warm glow," she says.

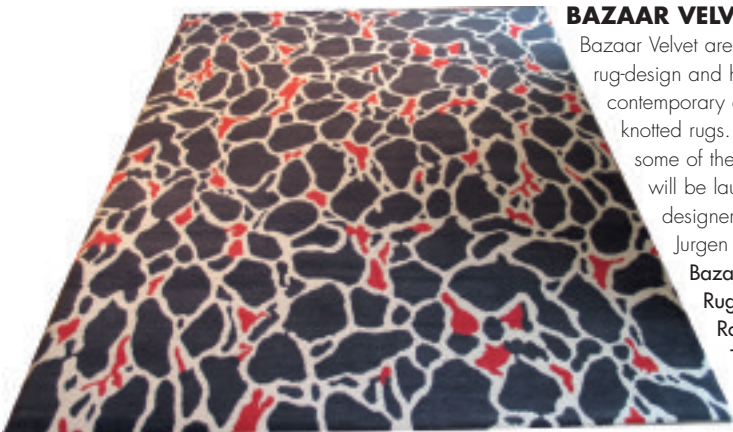
And with that, she's off, back to Marrakech the next day, ever keen to take her brand of lighting wizardry global.

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# the great indoors

...with **Felicity Loudon**

Interview by **Judith Wilson**

**W**e live in a world where design trends, like catwalk fashions, change with alarming speed. So it's a relief to discover a design guru who confidently asserts that she doesn't track trends. Felicity Loudon, the softly spoken powerhouse behind The Private House, is one such visionary. "I don't follow fashion," she says. "Instead, I'll be looking at the shape of a cushion for a chair, or a silver jug to sit on a table, and thinking about how I might style those things." For Londoners who haven't yet discovered The Private House, it is a brilliant concept that appeals to the secret shopper in us all. Organised by appointment only, shoppers can visit Loudon's private estate, Pusey, in Oxfordshire, or her flat in London, where every single item has been selected by her, and is for sale.

## Private House appeals to the secret shopper in all of us

Loudon dreamed up her word-of-mouth concept in 2006, when one of the cottages on her Oxfordshire estate temporarily became vacant. "My husband suggested I use it, so I decorated the entire house, filled it with my choice of furniture and accessories, and set up shop," she says. Three years on, that particular cottage has been sold, and these days Loudon operates The Private House from two smaller cottages, as well as a barn. Last year, she added a London 'branch' at her Lennox Gardens flat. She laughs. "It's a mad dash in the mornings if I have someone coming round. I usually end up shutting my husband in the kitchen!"

Loudon is a self-taught designer. It helped, of course, that, as a Cadbury heiress she had the privilege of growing up surrounded by beautiful houses (her mother was a client of the illustrious John Fowler). But she is clearly a natural when it comes to design, the sort of stylist who, one suspects, would have a horror of mood boards and design rules,

preferring instead to decorate on instinct.

She started off at 17, working with the fashion designer Piero de Monzi, and only began to undertake decorating commissions after friends admired her Chelsea flat. "In the early 1970s, I was using dark brown hessian, fur and felt," she says, which was clearly flying in the face of the Pop-Art brightly coloured interiors of the time.

This is not Loudon's first venture into retail, and she admits she's a "frustrated shopkeeper". In the early 1990s, she had an interiors shop, Felicity Wigan, on Chelsea Green – the site that has since been occupied by Cath Kidston and Neisha Crosland – which became a destination stop. It was styled as a sitting room and a bedroom; with classical music playing, sweet-smelling pot pourri created for her by a youthful Jo Malone, and a bottle of wine

open, it drew in shoppers like bees to a honey-pot. The Private House, precisely because it is by appointment only, has a different ethos. "People love the fact that they've found a secret," Loudon says. "They like to creep in and do their shopping quietly." Does she have celebrity clients? She confirms that she does, but says her clients also include everyone from design fans to WI ladies up from the country, to children buying a small present.

What makes The Private House special, Loudon thinks, is that she personally trawls the world for her merchandise. "I always get things that I would really want, not just things that I think will sell," she says. She has deliberately kept the price range broad. There are truly decadent decorative items that include cashmere throws at £450, and a leopard-print calf-skin and steel thermos flask at £350. But there are also inexpensive finds. Loudon particularly loves her porcelain lookalike plastic apples – a snip at £5 – and

often has them on her dining table at home.

Visitors to the Pusey estate can also view her custom-made showman's wagons, of which she is particularly proud. Immaculately crafted, these range in price from £15,000 – for a simple panelling and ticking interior – to the crème de la crème, at over £30,000.

Her latest project, newly photographed for spring, is The Private House Wedding Collection with highlights including modern glass candelabra, at £300 pair, and very pretty etched glass containers at £60. For the shoot, Loudon chose to cheer up her customers in gloomy economic climes. "I wanted a concept that would make people laugh!" She says. Two of her dogs star, with Samba, her Great Dane, dressed up in the photos as the groom, and Doris, her Bassett Hound, in a veil, 'going away' in a 1936 Rolls Royce. It's tongue-in-cheek, but very English, the perfect foil to the homewares and cashmere leisurewear.

Loudon loves luxury, but she offers it in a down-to-earth way, so that there is something for everyone. "I find things for people," she says, with conviction. "It's as simple as that."

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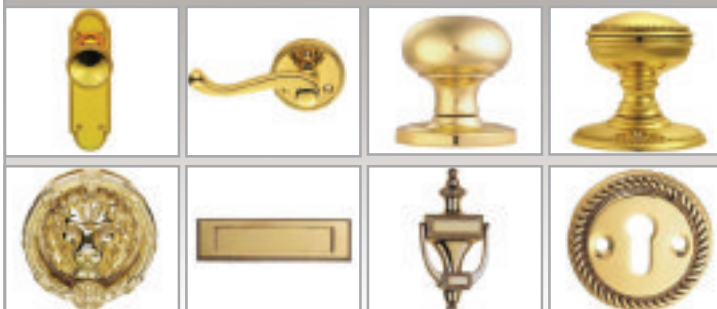


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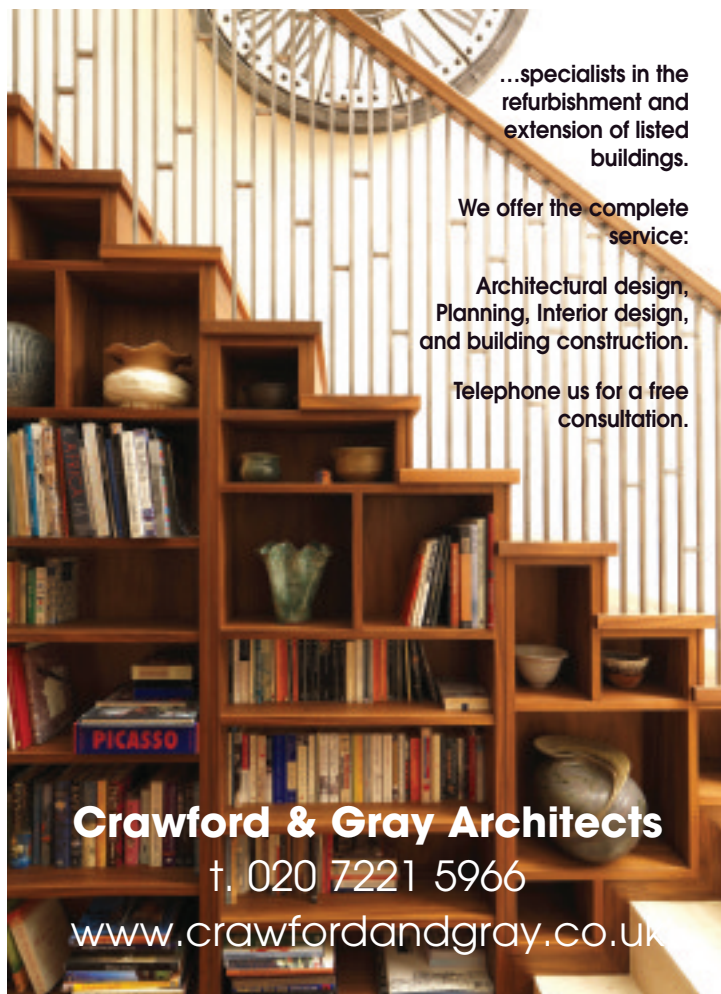
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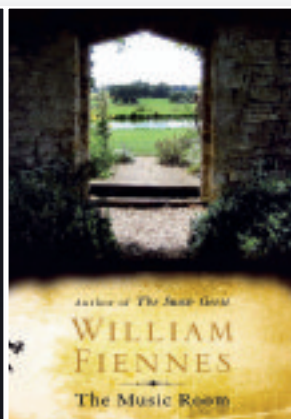
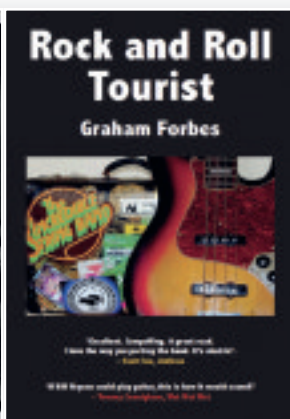
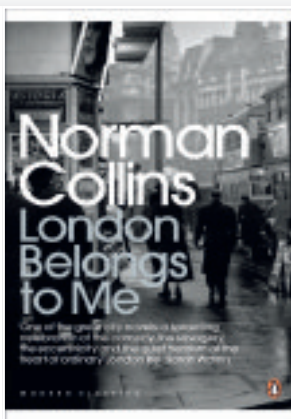
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# Well read

by Robert Gwyn Palmer



**THE MATCH KING, The Financial Genius Behind a Century of Wall Street Scandals by Frank Partnoy, Profile Books £18.99**

Ivar Kreuger, 'The Match King' of the 1920s, was born to a Swedish match manufacturer who was busy going nowhere until his son realized the potential of the safety match to be a worldwide brand, earning himself the financial clout to leverage deals that could sink or save governments. And then it all went wrong, really wrong, on the same scale as the recent Madoff scandal. The greed and hunger for good times in the inter-war years engendered a blindness to the imminent collapse of Kreuger's empire, which consigned Kreuger's name to the dustbin of history. But his story is one that teaches us many lessons, and he was not all bad, either. He forged bonds across national boundaries and constantly searched out solutions rather than problems. Greta Garbo was his best friend, and and it was she who bought Kreuger's island and castle in Sweden after he took his own life. Read, not to judge this serial entrepreneur, but to learn what it is about human nature that allowed him to exploit our shallow need for quick profit and financial reward.

**LONDON BELONGS TO ME by Norman Collins, Penguin Classics £10.99**

In 1938, London can think of nothing but the prospect of war. Yet life must go on, and in a lodging-house south of the river tensions are about to boil over. The set-in-his-ways clerk who has come to the end of his working life with little more than a clock to show for it, the faded actress, the thrusting young mechanic are all thrown into turmoil by the arrival of a new lodger, a self-styled 'professor of spiritualism'. An absolute classic of city life, written whilst the author worked at BBC Radio during the early

days (he would go on to help found ITV), this deadpan comic novel shows London at its best, exposing the fun, the eccentricity and the forthright savagery that is sometimes necessary to survive the demands of the voracious capital. It will remind you that, despite being delayed by the tube, splashed by taxis and falling over rubbish bags, you still love living here.

**ROCK AND ROLL TOURIST by Graham Forbes, Northumbria University Press, £7.99**

Can you imagine the dire consequences when a Saga-aged ex-musician sets off on a late-life odyssey to recapture and re-evaluate the experiences of his youth on tour, hoping, that this will be a good way to overcome his addiction to prescribed ocycontin (more addictive than heroin). The results are completely surprising and range from descriptions of Rod Stewart's slick on-stage set-up, to Forbes's strident views of current-day 'Tubby Tarquins' who comment on the music scene. My favourite bit is when he goes off to Slovenia to a Beatles lookalike concert and finds that the entire audience so want to believe that it really is the Beatles on stage that they shout out 'Paul!', 'Ringo!' for their lives. There is much here to remind us to keep an open mind and just keep going – it's never too late to learn.

**THE MUSIC ROOM by William Fiennes Picador, £14.99**

Written with a tender lightness of touch, this elegy to a brother whose life was cut tragically short is also an elegy to the magic of childhood and a rare insight into fraternal love. William Fiennes and his older brother Richard grew up in a magical place, Broughton Castle in Oxfordshire – moated, romantic and their family's house for over 700 years. It is the sort of place that inspires not envy and awe but a desire to linger to enjoy its spell. But

interwoven with the joys of running up and down twisting staircases and out onto the battlements are the demands and consequences of Richard's severe epilepsy. Richard was 11 years older than his brother and a hugely magnetic personality – a superhero in his younger brother's eyes. Balancing his recollection of his brother's seemingly invincible power with his retrospective knowledge of the severity of his medical condition, he has produced a reflective piece of unusual poignancy. This is an almost novel-like work which transcends the actual circumstances described, taking the reader into the situation he is describing as a participant rather than an observer.

**CHEWING THE SCENERY by Davina Elliott, Puck Books, £7.99**

A new production of Noel Coward's much-loved drawing-room comedy, *Blithe Spirit*, starring a stage legend, Judith Gold, and performed at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, promises much theatrical delight. However, the 'inventive' producer's inclusion of air-raid sirens and unexploded bombs, together with the 'inspired' addition to the cast of an American beauty queen who has absolutely no acting experience, creates a different scenario. Moving from the first day of rehearsals to the opening night, the tension builds and expands with each new potential disaster and backstage stabbing. There is a delicious frisson in knowing that the author (a local resident) has insider knowledge of her profession – she's worked on over 80 productions at the National Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company and many more up and down the land. She's currently working on *Wicked* at the Apollo in Victoria. A luvvie's delight, this is pure entertainment for the Easter holidays.





# Mac attack

You'll be singing in the rain with this season's sleekest macs, by **Laia Farran Graves**

**F**ashion editor's are always banging on about the key items, must-haves, and investing in those crucial pieces that will make or break your wardrobe. Mostly these should be read with a good pinch of sure-if-you-look-like-a-model salt. The mac is different. It's broken free of its Seventies sleazy detective shackles and is ultra handy this rainy month – and, well, any other in London.

Named after its Scottish inventor Charles Mackintosh, the belted raincoat made its first appearance in 1824, in a heavy, rubber fabric. Burberry took it and ran 50 or so years later, inventing the first gabardine. Since then it has achieved fashion-classic status, gamely blipping on the style radar year after year. Its iconic status arguably peaked in the Sixties when Hollywood stars like Audrey Hepburn and Marilyn Monroe cinched it tight and sashayed across the silver screen.

At the spring/summer shows Miu Miu, Ralph Lauren, Diane Von Furstenberg and Dolce & Gabbana took their cues from the style mavens of old and sent the mac down the catwalk again.

For the classic British look – timeless and elegant – take inspiration from the Burberry and Aquascutum silhouette. Both brands evoke such quintessentially English style, and their ageless silhouettes look great left open, worn casually over a pencil skirt or safari shorts, or belted over your favourite pair of jeans; accessorise with a pair of sky-high heels and some oversized sunnies.

This season, Burberry has kept its classic shape but introduced metallic finishes and dip-dye prints for a fresh, modern take (£995, at Matches, 60-64 Ledbury Road, W11 2AJ, 020 7221 0255, matchesfashion.com). For metallics without spending too much of your own, check out Per Una's gold number (right) and Karen Millen's Fun Mac (above, £250, Whiteleys, Queensway, W2 4YN, 020 7229

6924, karenmillen.com). For a more subdued look, Warehouse's DB Legacy Mac (£75, 63 Kensington High Street, W8 5SE, 020 7938 3550, warehouse.co.uk) will do the job admirably.

Customised, bright and oversized macs are also strong trends emerging this season. Dolce & Gabbana had its macs stitched with flowers, while Louis Vuitton accessorised with generous tribal belts. Definitely worth pursuing is Oasis' black taffeta ruched mac, balancing a lightweight coat with a feminine puffball skirt shape – very Valentino – or their full-skirted trench in a cloud-brightening fuchsia (£75 and £90 respectively, Oasis, Whiteleys [as before], 020 7243 2795, oasis-stores.com)

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The past few years however have seen a shift in British brides’ attitudes to their perfect day. In increasing numbers they are choosing to tie the knot abroad. Better weather, low-cost flights, phenomenal venues, mouth-watering food and drink, together with value for money, are the major factors in the decision, however the desire just to do something different usually overrides everything. The main country of choice for discerning brides is undoubtedly Italy. With its easy accessibility for a large number of guests and the number of low-cost flights, a Tuscan, Venetian or Amalfi Coast wedding is now open to all UK brides for a very

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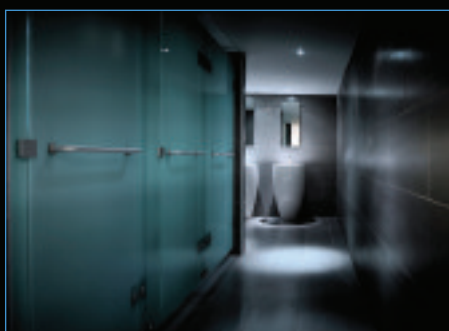
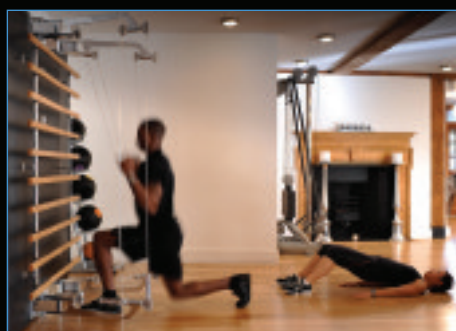
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The Executive Weight Loss Plan is run by two Harley Street experts, Dr Ursula Voss and nutritional therapist Cheryl Wilson BSc Hons. They guide you through a four-month programme which includes a comprehensive blood test, a physical check-up, a food intolerance

**A one size fits all approach is too simple to be taken seriously**

screening and a detailed eating plan based on the latest nutritional thinking. They offer telephone or Skype follow-up sessions if you cannot always make it to Harley Street.

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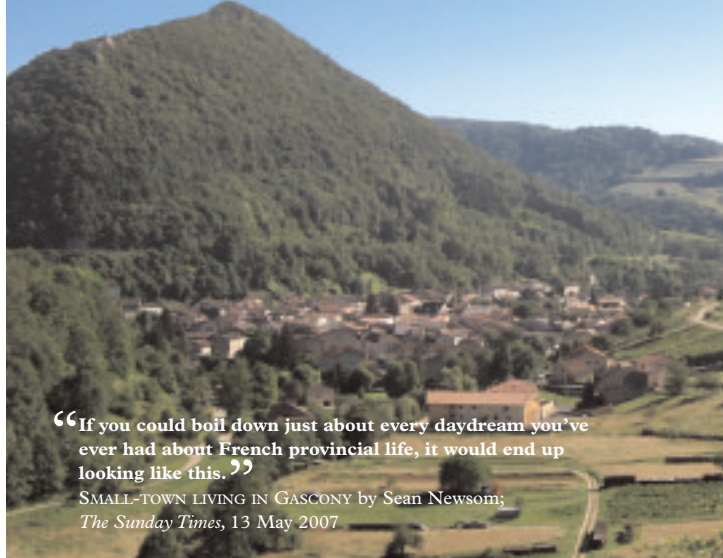
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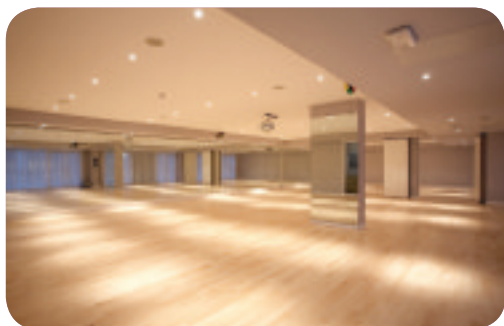
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# Brussel clout

It may be small, but the Belgian capital punches above it's cultural weight as **Judith Wilson** discovers on a city break

**T**hink of a sophisticated European weekend break, and Brussels may not be top of the list. Yes, it's the base for the European Economic Community, the headquarters of Nato, and – more decadently – the source of fabulous chocolates, but is it cool? In fact, here is a European city emerging as a cultural hotspot, but with a mellow ambience. Cleverly, the Hotel Amigo – one of the luxurious five-star hotels in the Rocco Forte Collection – has devised an interior design package to showcase the new design-minded Brussels. My husband and I decided to give it a try.

Eurostar to Brussels takes a blissful two hours from London, and, it's a mere ten-minute cab ride to the Hotel Amigo, conveniently situated just behind the famous Grand Place. Within seconds of our arrival, staff greeted us by name, and whisked us off to our room. The Rocco Forte hotel group prides itself on personal service – and the Hotel Amigo didn't disappoint. The room was beautifully decorated, featuring linen curtains and a marble bathroom, with a to-die-for view of the Gothic spire of the Town Hall of Hotel de Ville. Even better,

our tailor-made design itinerary was ready and waiting.

The award-winning designer, Olga Polizzi, has designed all the interiors for the Rocco Forte hotels. Polizzi favours quiet luxury, and at the Hotel Amigo she's teamed simple heavy Brussels linens and leather upholstery, with antique touches including Flemish tapestries in the public rooms. She has personally devised the interior design tour, so – after a delicious breakfast of Belgian waffles – we set off. All Polizzi's

recommended shops are in the Sablon, Brussels' antiques zone, so we walked at a leisurely pace.

At **Philippe Lange**, there is a treasure trove of Art Deco and 1950s antiques, while at the **Gallery J Visser**, housed in a fabulous 19th century pressed-steel ceiling house, there is tribal art. At **Michel Lambrecht**, we found antique furniture upholstered in neutral linens, and, arriving back at the Place du Grand Sablon, a visit to **Flamant Home Interiors** treated us to a mix of stylish and deeply elegant furniture and accessories, all beautifully laid out. Best of all was **Emery & Cie**, the Belgian decorator Agnes Emery's inspirational store. It is arranged throughout

**Brussels is emerging as a cultural hotspot, but with a mellow ambience**

a 19th-century house with a sweeping staircase, and displays colourful, highly decorative room-sets, using her own-range paints, tiles, fabrics, hardware and lighting.

After a hard day's shopping, it was back to the hotel to sample dinner in Hotel Amigo's award-winning Italian restaurant, the Ristorante Bocconi, where the menus change seasonally. The decoration here is low-key but sophisticated, including yellow walls decorated with Fornasetti plates, and on a Saturday evening, the restaurant was teeming with guests and well-heeled Brussels foodies. Our food was delicious, and highlights included the parma ham served with fresh pear, sautéed cod with red beans and crispy lardons, and an unforgettable panforte ice-cream.

Many shops are closed on Sunday, but fortunately, the hotel package gives you free entry to the best museums, including the **Belgian Royal Museum of Fine Arts**, with more than 20,000 paintings, and to the **Bozar Museum**. We also visited 13th-century **Saint-Michel Cathedral**, and dipped into the **Jewish Museum of Belgium**. No visit to Brussels would be complete without chocolate, so we made a beeline for **Neuhaus**, and **Marcolini**, the haute couture of Belgian chocolate. We returned home fully up-to-speed on Brussels as a design haven, having stayed in a truly luxurious hotel. What more could one ask of a two-day European break? Move over, Paris.

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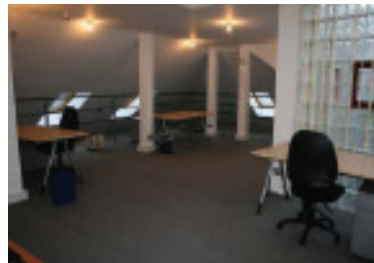


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# Grape expectations

Built as a celebration of the surrounding vineyards, the Frank Gehry-designed Marques de Riscal hotel in the heart of Spain's Rioja region is striking, weird and wonderful. **Raffaella Barker** is utterly baffled...

**L**ike pale fire, the first sighting of the Hotel Marques de Riscal is of glinting curves and points, pinks and red gold and silver, changing to purple and copper in the afternoon sun. It is hard to believe this edifice is real. Surely this flickering mass of metal and glass cannot exist here in rural Spain? Is it in fact a mirage on the plain? Next to this extraordinary, glittering, uncompromising building stands a beautiful sand-coloured 15th century church, tall and proud and clean of line like a sailing ship, the warmth of the sun echoed in the warm stone, resonance in its bells. Clustered around it are traditional houses in narrow streets, shuttered windows revealing a glimpse of hot pink geraniums. This is a small working village like many others. Yet not like any other.

We never know what lies around the next corner in life, and nowhere is this more apparent than here in Basque country. El Ciego is fringed by mountains and surrounded with fields of vines crisscrossing like a tapestry over the hills. El Ciego lies at the heart of Spain's wine district, an area of tiny villages and brutal exhilarating countryside. The plains between the mountains, and the winding hilly roads offer the clearest vistas. You can see for miles here, and that makes Frank Gehry's structure all the more extraordinary. For local residents its arrival must have been like having a space ship landing, while its sophistication is an heroic parallel for the proud history of the wineries and their unique and complex Riojas.

The mini-break, long weekend can be an enormous pressure for the determined holiday maker – so much anticipation packed into two or three days, so many possibilities, from hot-air ballooning to learning how to drive a speed boat, and so many expectations to be met. The travel company Kuoni has marked a niche in a the market of interesting holidays and their fame is well deserved here where they have taken on the fascinating Hotel Marques de Riscal.

**Surely this flickering mass of metal and glass cannot exist here in rural Spain?**

When the renowned international architect Frank Gehry was building this structure for the chairman of the Marques de Riscal winery, thoughts of people's mini-breaks were nowhere on his mind. Far from it, Gehry was still bathed in glory from the sensational Guggenheim Museum he built in Bilbao, and the ripples spread south into the mountains of the Basque country. This very traditional winery was looking to create a headquarters to bring shareholders to, and with no thought of anything beyond a celebration of the vineyards themselves and a building with its own life. They lured the reluctant Gehry into the wilds of nowhere and proposed the venture.

He demurred; the site was both too close to Bilbao and yet too rural. He didn't do private work; he was busy elsewhere in the world. Probably he said he was washing his hair that night, but the winery chiefs were persistent and clever – a bottle of wine from 1929, the year he was born seduced him into signing up.

The bacchantine theme was set. Gehry worked with two metaphors: the three stems of a vine inspired the three pillars at the heart of the building, and the glinting rollercoaster roof represents the bottle – gold for the mesh casing, pink for the wine in the bottle and silver to illustrate the top of the bottle. Looking at the building and at a fine bottle of Grand Reserva I am bemused, but the charming hotel receptionist smiles. "It is much easier to see the connection *after* you drink the wine," she says kindly.

So here we are, a couple of hours from London and a swooping drive through the mountains from Bilbao. We are in the middle of nowhere gazing at a building that is uncompromisingly urban in its

modernity and with no intention of blending into the landscape of the village.







Clockwise from left:  
Marques de Riscal at night,  
the lobby, the rooftop terrace  
and a view to the 15th  
century church of El Ciego

Once built, the owners quickly realised that the Gehry structure needed a bigger audience than just the shareholders, and three years ago the doors opened on the five-star luxury of the Marques de Riscal hotel.

Flown here with every detail covered by Kuoni, my daughter and I swirl in through magnificent doors half expecting to be beamed up to a neighbouring space machine. Instead we are shown to a huge chic room with a picture window overlooking the lovely church and the huddled village. Our colossal headboard of luxury leather, swishing red velvet curtains and millions of gauges (or pressure or feathers) of pillow choices and a big beautiful plasma TV all float dizzily before our travel-tired eyes as we become accustomed to top-notch luxury and avail ourselves of tea. We could have gone for a bottle of the house Rioja, which comes as a gift in each room, but tea and lemon tart work for us.

Hotel Marques de Riscal's rooms are a harmonious balance of style and substance. The whole hotel is light and the high ceilings give an exalted air which one feels Gehry is probably used to. Somewhere at the top a library with copper fireplace and giant bookcases is a relaxing place to end an evening, and the restaurant and the bistro are both chic enough to handle a customer in head-to-toe Prada, but he or she must be ready to don something more home spun when heading out for a stomp through the hills around the village.

My twelve-year-old daughter was in her element in the spa zone. With wit and wisdom the hotel has created a Caudalie spa where all treatments and products are made from grape extracts. The complex has a flashy but shallow black pool and Jacuzzi and some steaming Turkish baths as well as a gym and plenty of relaxation space. In the pool area, twists of twig apparently thrown at a red wall are presumably a nod to

the vine again, but one I could well do without, as I like my spas serene. Any anxieties about serenity though are allayed once I am horizontal and succumbing to an incredible, almost edible, body scrub and a facial with hot stones.

I swear I look so young I could be mistaken for my daughter when I come out. We sit drinking grape tea (oddly delicious), looking out at the sun dancing across the distant snow-capped mountains and the nearby curling stems of the vines and I feel wholly pampered and in harmony with myself, the whole grape thing and even the hectic building surrounding me.

It is just as well the spa is so great, as the local area is sparsely populated and the sleepy towns are swallowed by the eager sightsee-er in moments. We gobbled up La Guardia, a walled and picturesque place ten minutes away in a morning and even took in a church tour and half an hour sketching in a square for good measure. Tapas in the old part of Logrono was good and authentic but a hike along the motorway. And then we were off again with a morning in Bilbao before the plane. The Guggenheim, Gehry's bigger better creation on the river in Bilbao must not be missed by any visitor to this area. Seeing it makes sense of the more extreme features of Marques de Riscal, but even an amateur eye can see it is on a different plane altogether.

If the Hotel Marques de Riscal is a bottle of Rioja the Guggenheim is a Jeraboam of liquid gold and I am happy to have partaken of both.

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## Resident Chef by Chris Staines

**W**eb blogs, video diaries, social networking sites; it seems that, these days, every man and his dog is open to sharing the minutiae of their everyday lives with the outside world. Millions of people worldwide regularly tune in to these online snapshots of other peoples lives and there are blogs to cover every subject you can possibly imagine. I must admit to being a bit of a fan myself, but before you judge me too harshly, allow me to explain.

Dig deep and there are some very knowledgeable and passionate people out there, sharing their musings, ideas and most interestingly to me, their reviews of the top restaurants around the world. The food blogging phenomenon is growing at an amazing rate with over 40,000 based on food in the US alone. Participants range from housewives swapping tried-and-tested favourites, to professionals at the top of their game sharing their thoughts, experiments and even recipes. Then there are the restaurant reviewing sites, where the blogger visits a restaurant and then posts a review of their experience online. This is a fantastic way of seeing what is going on across the globe without having to leave the comfort of your living room. Of course nothing beats visiting the actual restaurant, but this is a handy substitute.

These reviews are even beginning to become internationally recognised by the industry with national press and restaurateurs turning to blog sites for valuable customer feedback and information on what the competitive set are up to. Here are my top food blogs ... I will leave you to make up your own mind.

- **ulteriorepicture.wordpress.com** A slick information-packed site following one person who lives to eat and travel. Great photos and great reviews.
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# table talk

by Annica Wainwright, an editor at *Square Meal*



## LIGHT BUT LUSCIOUS

With bikini season just around the corner, we could all do with keeping the calorie count down but diet food is dreary, right? Wrong. Jill Dupleix manages to bring even the leanest recipes to life and her latest book, *Lighten Up* (now out in paperback) is positively bursting with fresh, colourful recipes you can't wait to get cooking. From a zingy breakfast burrito stuffed with salmon and avocado through to dainty little soufflés with coconut and pineapple, there's something to suit every mood and time of day. We particularly like the chapter on Easy Food – think sticky chicken wings, harissa beef with couscous and spaghetti puttanesca – that works a treat for weeknight suppers.

Published by Quadrille, £12.99

## SMOOTH OPERATOR

Innocent but by no means shy, our favourite smoothie maker has launched itself onto the ready meal market with a neat range of Veg Pots. Great for deskbound lunches or a quick post-yoga supper, the low-fat, high-fibre dishes can be cooked in the microwave but are even better heated gently on the hob. We thought it necessary to add extra seasoning (fresh coriander, chilli and fish sauce in case of the Thai coconut curry), but have been told the chefs at Innocent HQ are already busy working on new recipes with 'a bit more of a kick'. Available in Waitrose, Sainsbury's and Tesco, RRP £3.49 per 400g pot





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# restaurant reviews

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## GILMOUR'S

9 PARK WALK, SW10 0AJ  
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Chelsea's latest local fits its Park Walk location like a calfskin glove. Soaking up the buzzing atmosphere in its elegant yet convivial dining room on a Tuesday night at the height (depths?) of the credit crunch, we could hardly believe the restaurant had only been open a few months. Most neighbourhood joints spend years building up that kind of following – but then the people behind this one didn't exactly start from scratch.

The location, equidistant from the King's and Fulham Road cinemas, is fantastic and the eponymous Gilmour has a good few local contacts. Best known by his first name as the founder of Christopher's, he can also be credited with turning The Enterprise in Walton Street into a chi-chi destination.

These two businesses have now been sold but Gilmour has retained many of his loyal staff – and it shows. Both kitchen and front-of-house teams are not only comfortable in their shoes but with each other, making for a really smooth dining experience. The experienced chefs also know to keep things simple, dishing up skilfully executed classics like Caesar salads, beef burgers and fish and chips alongside a handful of more elaborate dishes.

Potted shrimps with granary toast were among the best we've ever tasted, served at just the right temperature for a smooth, moreish texture. At main, the 'American-style' lamb chop arrived thick-cut and beautifully pink with a perky mint jus alongside, while slow-roast belly of Suffolk pork was cleverly paired with sloe gin gravy and mash – very British and very good. Textbook lemon tart and sticky toffee pudding rounded the meal off nicely, and by-the-glass wines were keenly priced.

Sunday lunch, which sees roast beef cooked exactly how you like it is a run-away success. At £15 a plate with all the goodies that's not surprising. We certainly can't wait to go back.



## THE COMMANDER

47 HEREFORD ROAD, W2 5AH  
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This former boozer off Westbourne Grove has undergone a complete transformation, emerging as an American-inspired porterhouse and oyster bar with adjacent deli, butcher, florist and fishmonger. The idea is to cut out the middle man and offer lower prices and fresher food – a nice concept even if it doesn't work out quite as cheap as you'd think. Prime produce demands £15 upwards for a fish main without carbs, while 8oz steaks clock in closer to the £20 mark.

The best thing about this place is the atmosphere. Decorated in classic brasserie style with tall ceilings, dark wood and a nice mixture of bar seating, dining tables, banquettes and booths; the open-plan space has a lovely buzz about it. Lunchtime guests can browse the outdoor food stalls before making their selections, while a soft, jazzy soundtrack adds a sophisticated air come evening.

Three separate menus (bar and restaurant varieties, plus a daily market selection) offer almost too much choice – anything from burgers, fish pie and sparkly fresh crustacean to pasta, sushi and chicken on black eye bean and chorizo cassoulet – and it seems the kitchen struggles to keep up with it all.

Springbok carpaccio was a highlight, as was perfectly cooked skate with mango salsa but we'd question the addition of tarragon and horseradish to the cocktail sauce served with chilled king prawns and wouldn't have served teriyaki pork straight from the fridge, even in a salad.

Best of all was the daringly tart lemon brulee to finish – fresh, creamy and delicious – and we also loved that many wines were available by the glass and carafe for easy matching. Next time, we'll try chilled Chablis and fruits de mer at the oyster bar.



## CHA CHA MOON WHITELEYS

2ND FLOOR, WHITELEYS,  
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Alan 'Hakkasan' Yau knows how to draw crowds to a restaurant. Positively glowing with warm, welcoming light, this latest branch of his Chinese budget chain seems to have an almost physical pull on diners, winning passers-by over even before they've laid eyes on its bargain menu. Granted, there's not much else to tempt at this price range in Whiteleys, but this buzzy canteen with its funky bamboo interior would stand out in just about any location.

The original Cha Cha Moon in Soho famously offered half-price food for several weeks during its 'soft opening', turning a substantial chunk of the pavement outside its 'no bookings' dining room into a just-about-permanent queue. There have been no such offers at this second site but, judging by the bustling atmosphere we encountered on a weeknight just after the launch, that doesn't seem to have put people off.

This time, of course, they know what the place is all about. The Soho branch has built a strong reputation for good, clean food at honest prices and many fans will no doubt welcome a West London outpost. The fact that Whiteleys' in-house cinema is just along the walkway should also help bring the punters in – particularly once they realise the service here is reliably swift.

The first thing you have to do is order some Szechuan wonton. Not only are these among the most delicious dumplings we've ever tasted but they also come with a generous dousing of fiery dipping sauce – perfect for spicing up the much blander noodle soups. The cha cha mooli (turnip cake) and singapore noodles are other musts.

The Wen Wen (peach, raspberry and vodka) cocktail is delicious. For something exotic – and non-alcoholic – try the salted lemon Sprite. Like the restaurant itself, it's strangely addictive.

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Terrace is situated in the heart of Belgravia – in between Lowndes Street and the Halkin Arcade. Large umbrellas and outdoor heaters will keep the new 48-cover eatery running come rain or shine and the mouth-watering menu has been designed to deliver quickly for the time poor. Well-balanced, light dishes include a healthy mango chicken salad with sweet chilli dressing and grilled kingfish with spring onion and parsley salsa. Spatchcock baby chicken marinated in piri piri and a 21-day aged rib eye steak will be served fresh from the barbeque with delicious sides such as a jacket potato with sour cream, a spicy rice salad and corn on the cob.

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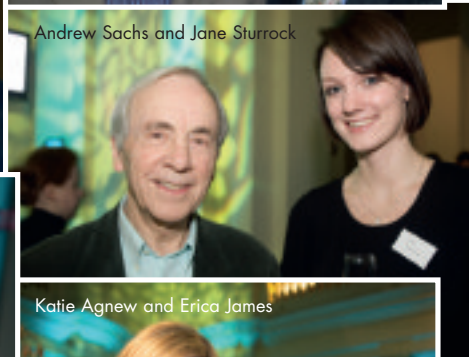
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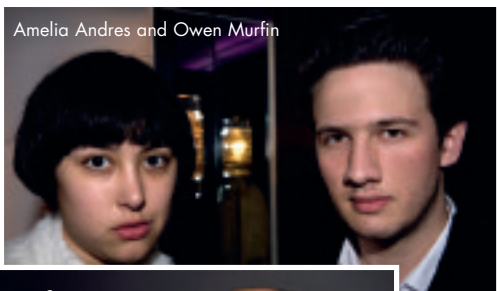


It was a literary love-in at the annual Orion author's party at the V&A. Writers, journalists and agents enjoyed the publisher's largesse with a glass of wine or two and caught up with old friends and fellow scribblers

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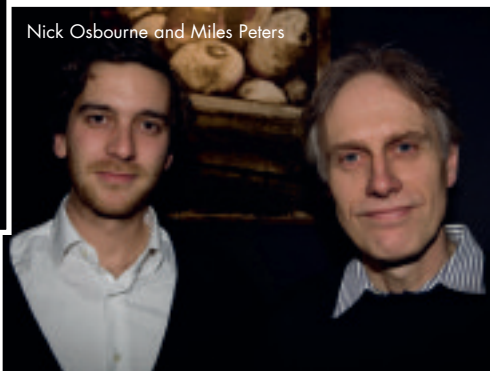
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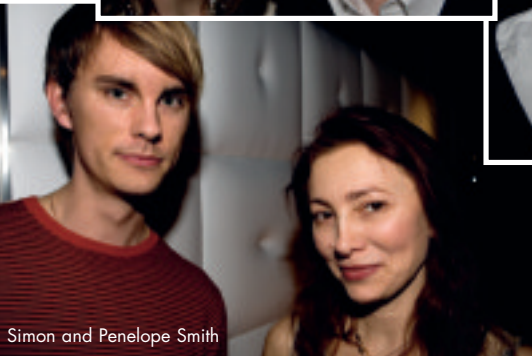
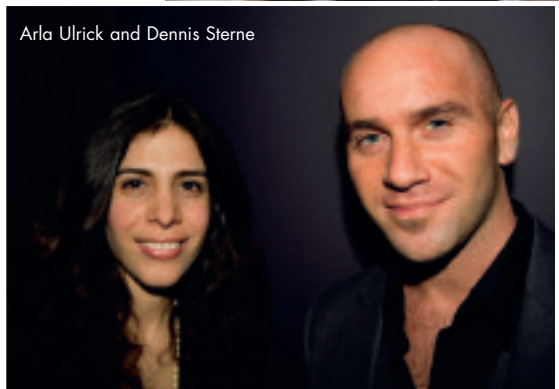
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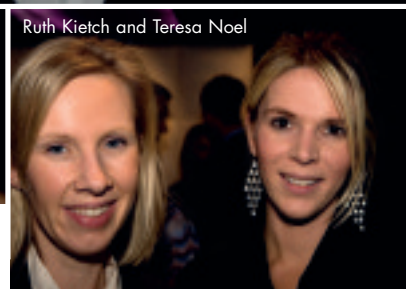


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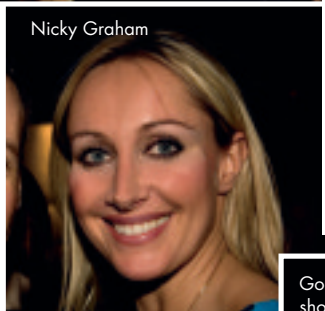


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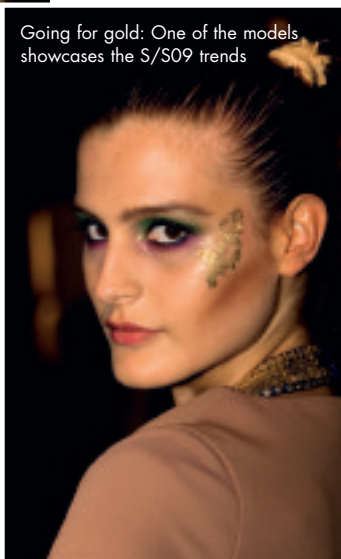
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Private member's boutique Rous Iland celebrated London Fashion Week with 'Sense Sessions', a night of fashion, food and fun at Ambassade de L'Ile on the Old Brompton Road. Guests enjoyed a fashion show, whilst sampling the cocktails and fine food on offer.

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Going for gold: One of the models showcases the S/S09 trends



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# My residence:

## Sophie Bathgate

### Co-owner of Sophie's Steakhouse



**Do you have favourite memory from your years at the helm?**

Watching our head chef Gino (who rose from the ranks and was the second person we ever employed) recruit, train and set up the kitchen at our Covent Garden restaurant and then working the pass with him on the first evening we did 1,000 covers... An amazing buzz.

**Where were the last three places you went on holiday?**

A rainy month in Oxfordshire last summer when I'd had my second baby! Barbados and Thessaloniki, Greece (pictured).

**Where do you live and why?**

Bramerton Street, Chelsea, walking distance from our Fulham Road restaurant. I've always loved the area.

**How long have you lived there?**

In Chelsea for 12 years. Four years in this house.

**When did you set up Sophie's Steakhouse and what's the philosophy behind it?**

We opened in January 2002 with an aim to provide a great neighbourhood restaurant, focusing on good food, fun service and a fantastic atmosphere at a real value-for-money price point. To be a restaurant in which you can be spontaneous – come for a cocktail and end up spending your whole evening.

**What did you do before you started Sophie's Steakhouse?**

I've always worked in the catering industry. I can't do anything else! I worked for a company called Mezzanine Group & Gaucho Grill.

**What's the secret of your success?**

A hands-on approach and remaining value for money.

**What's a classic dish at the restaurant**

Black Angus burger, 10oz ribeye, bearnaise sauce and homemade chips or steak and Guinness pie.

**What are your plans for the future?**

We would love to open another mid-market bar/brasserie in the Kensington/Chelsea area!

**What's your most memorable local meal?**

I'm a big fan of seasonal, simple food – purple sprouting broccoli and hollandaise at the bar in my local The Pigs Ear.

**Who would you invite to your last supper?**

Oliver Reed

**What's your motto for life?**

Find a job you love and look for the good in people.

**What would you do if you had only 24 more hours to live?**

Hang out with my husband and kids.....!

**What's the last CD you bought?**

Hedkandi's latest – good restaurant music!

**What makes you smile about where you live?**

Teenagers cruising on the King's Road.

**What three things would you rescue if your house was on fire?**

Early photos of my kids, my little Roger Hilton painting and my orange cape from Joseph!

**Where would you live if money were no object?**

A big house on Paulton Square and a pad in the sun...

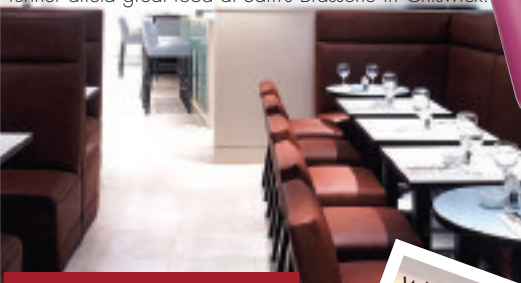
**Where do you go to be a culture vulture?**

I walk down by the river.



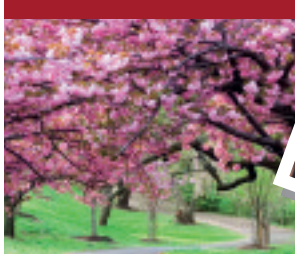
**Where do you like to go out in the evenings?**

Tartine (pictured) in Draycott Avenue for early drinks and a bite, the Pigs Ear on Old Church Street and further afield great food at Sam's Brasserie in Chiswick.



**What advice would you give someone visiting your area?**

Come in spring when all the blossom starts – it's beautiful.



**If you could change one thing about London, what would it be?**

The smoking ban!

**Name your desert island essentials**

Bottle of Sophie's Steak Sauce!  
My ipod and Earl Grey tea.



Sophie Bathgate never leaves home without...  
My old fashioned filofax...can't do the Blackberry thing.



**What or who do you miss when you're away from home?** Black cabs



**What's the last film you saw?**  
Lars and the Real Girl – brilliant!



**What's the last book you read?**

Danny Meyer's  
Setting the Table



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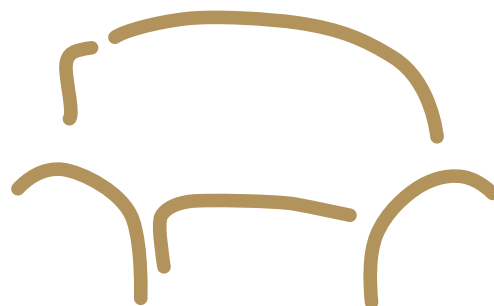
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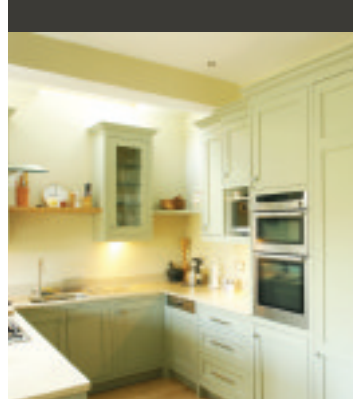
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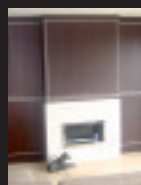
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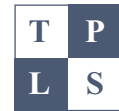
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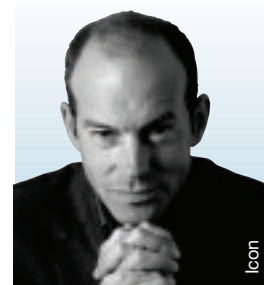
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In a break with my customary role as adviser to purchasers – this month I've got some suggestions for anyone trying to sell a house...

You don't get a second chance to make a first impression and never is that truer than when it comes to selling your house. Despite the fact that it is one of the biggest and most important purchases you'll ever make, the average time taken to look round a house is just eight minutes, and over 40 per cent of people will not even go and look inside a property if they really don't like the outside. So if you are thinking of selling your home, presentation and first impressions really do count.

Activity levels in the housing market have collapsed to the lowest levels since WWII, which means if you're looking to sell, your first challenge is to encourage prospective purchasers to step through your front door in the first place. When someone is surfing the internet there is plenty to choose from; so you have to ask yourself, why does your place stand out?

Getting your house ready for viewings could be likened to preparing yourself for a blind date – initial appearance is crucial as gut feel takes place within an instant. My television co-host Kirstie Allsopp has an '11 second' rule and reckons that is the time buyers decide whether the house is right for them or not.

A beautifully presented frontage makes a significant difference to both houses as well as potential dates. Fresh paint coupled with a neat garden, painted railings, clean glass and polished brass gives a good overall impression in the current market.

Before embarking on a snazzy new facelift for your home, bear in mind that it is best to go for mass-market appeal. Keep it neutral and understated – nothing too 'out there'. True, most people can overlook the personal touches that don't appeal to them, but drawing on my experiences as a buying agent, this is one of the most valuable pieces of advice that I can offer to potential sellers in today's market: don't seek to stamp your individual mark on your home when the time comes to sell. In a buyers market, the correctly priced, 'blank canvas', well presented properties are the ones that sell first.

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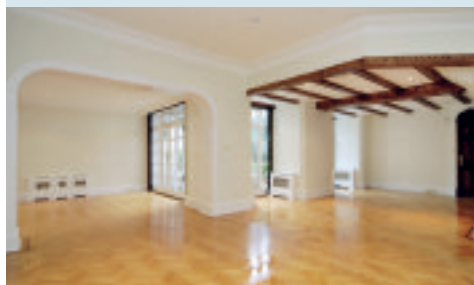
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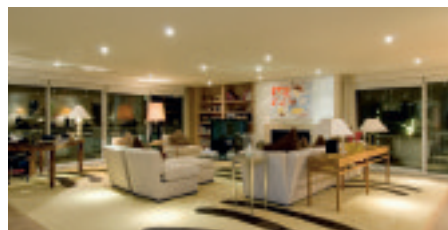
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## Inkerman Terrace | Kensington | W8

1,903 sq ft (176.78 sq m)

A charming and well presented three bedroom Victorian house, situated in an attractive terrace of stucco-fronted houses.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Dining area | Study | Kitchen | Three bedrooms | Two bathrooms |  
Two cloakrooms | Utility area | Storage vault | Garden

Asking price £2.65m Freehold

Kensington

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## Scarsdale Villas | Kensington | W8

2,606 sq ft (242.10 sq m) including studio

A beautifully presented four bedroom family house, over four floors, with the advantage of a lovely south-facing garden and off-street parking.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Family room | Study | Kitchen/breakfast room | Four bedrooms | Two bathrooms | Two cloakrooms | Utility room | Garden | Studio | Off-street parking

Asking price £3.95m Freehold

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Chelsea & South Kensington  
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## Astell Street | Chelsea | SW3

3,373 sq ft (313.35 sq m)

A superbly refurbished low-built five bedroom Freehold house with wide and well arranged accommodation and recently created lower ground floor.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Dining room | Family room | Kitchen/breakfast room |  
Five bedrooms | Three bath/shower rooms | Laundry | Office | Garage | Garden

Price on Application Freehold

JSA: John D Wood & Co  
cst.sales@johndwood.co.uk

020 7352 1484

Strutt & Parker Chelsea  
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## Somerset Square | Holland Park | W14

3,844 sq ft (357.10 sq m)

An exceptional five bedroom family house over four floors, with a garage and a wonderful large rear garden.

Drawing room | Dining room | Sitting room | Kitchen/breakfast room | Five bedrooms | Four bath/shower rooms | Cloakroom | Garage | Garden | Terrace

Price on Application Freehold

Kensington

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## Hereford Square | South Kensington | SW7

Furnished/unfurnished

Beautifully refurbished period house with impressive entertaining and informal family space, overlooking the pretty communal gardens.

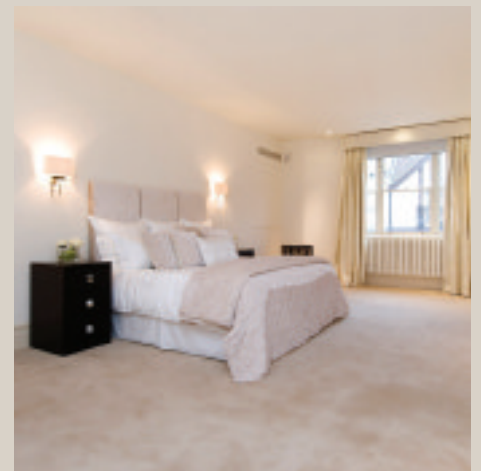
Three reception rooms | Eat-in kitchen | Four double bedrooms | Four bathrooms | Cloakroom |  
 Utility area | Decked terrace | Communal gardens

£4,950 per week

Chelsea

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020 7589 9966



## Herbert Crescent | Knightsbridge | SW1X

Furnished/unfurnished

A newly refurbished five bedroom house which is finished to the highest standard, located in this prestigious address in the heart of Knightsbridge.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Family room | Dining room | Study | Kitchen | Four bedrooms | Four en suite bathrooms | Dressing room | Nanny/staff flat | Utility room | Terrace

£8,500 per week

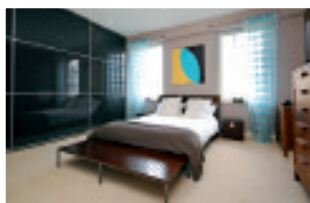
Knightsbridge

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020 7235 9959



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## Admiral Square Chelsea SW10

A stylish and contemporary 5 bedroom secure modern townhouse extending to 253 sq. metres/2,723 sq ft, offering bright and airy accommodation within the exclusive Chelsea Harbour development.

£2,950,000

long leasehold

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Chesterton which was first established in 1805 has joined forces with Humberts which itself was established in 1842 to create a new national and international company with over 350 years experience in the property market. This will give Chesterton clients access to a new range of potential buyers who are looking for property in the capital alongside our existing London and International client base.



## Knightsbridge Village Knightsbridge sw7

An immaculately presented freehold townhouse with flexible living and entertaining space. The property is located within this sought after street in Knightsbridge Village, a short walk from Harrods and Hyde Park.

£3,650,000

freehold

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"Oh, London is a fine town; A very famous city, where all the streets are paved  
with gold; And all the maidens pretty"

The Heir at Law, George Colman, the Younger, 1797



## Cambridge Street Pimlico SW1

This is one of very few lateral conversions in the Pimlico Grid. Forming part of an exclusive development built in 2000. It covers the 2nd floors of 2 mid-Victorian buildings and faces south west. Offering some 830 square feet of stylish accommodation the principal rooms have lovely wood strip flooring and briefly comprises 3 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms, ensuite, an attractive reception room, dining area and modern kitchen. With a share of the freehold, this is a very fashionable home.

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£645,000

share of freehold

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## Pembroke Road Kensington W8

A substantial detached family residence located within a conservation area featuring a private walled garden and having the luxury of off street parking for 2 cars. The property is located moments from Holland Park and the facilities of High Street Kensington. The accommodation offers a sensible layout with well proportioned principal rooms combined with the opportunity to style this home to their own particular needs.

£3,500,000

freehold

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"[London has] roomy squares with trees and grass plots intermingled, which gives an air of freshness"

Thomas Carlyle, 1824



#### Onslow Gardens SW7

£2,750 per week

A stunning 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom ground and lower ground floor apartment with direct access to the communal gardens that has been beautifully refurbished to a very high standard.  
*(Available now, furnished.)*

Chelsea

020 7589 4585

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#### Chelsea Embankment SW3

£1,700 per week

A stunning 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment set within a beautiful mansion block with access to the communal garden and with views over the River Thames.  
*(Available now, unfurnished.)*

Chelsea

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#### Ennismore Gardens SW7

£4,500 per week

A refined and opulent property of c. 2,339 sq. ft split over the 11th & 12th floors, having a stunning oversized terrace with 180 degree views across the London skyline. Moments from Hyde Park, 24 hr portage and access to the communal gardens. Reception/dining room, kitchen/diner, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, utility room & terrace. *(Available now, furnished.)*

Knightsbridge & Belgravia

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#### William Mews SW1

£1,500 per week

An unusual architecturally designed townhouse over 3 floors of c.1,455 sq. ft in a private mews behind Lowndes Square. With an amazing custom made marble & steel staircase, 3 balconies, glass roof & audio visual system. Reception room, dining room, kitchen, 3 double bedrooms, ensuite bathroom, shower room, patio with water feature & parking. *(Available now unfurnished.)*

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#### Warwick Square sw1

£850 per week

A beautifully refurbished ground floor flat on this popular Pimlico Square with access to the private square gardens. The accommodation comprises a large master bedroom with built in cupboards and an ensuite bathroom, 2nd double bedroom with built in cupboards, a further bathroom, a huge reception room with high ceilings & wall mounted plasma TV & a stunning eat in kitchen. *(Available now, furnished.)*

Westminster & Pimlico

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#### The Panoramic sw1

£650 per week

A stunning riverside apartment with floor to ceiling windows, 2 double bedrooms with built-in wardrobes, ensuite, shower room, bright reception with wood floors & open plan kitchen. Concierge, parking, gym & only minutes walking distance to Pimlico station. Separate storage units are available by separate negotiation. *(Available now, furnished.)*

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#### Argyll Road w8

£3,500 per week

A family house over 5 floors with a garden and off street parking on this prestigious Phillimore Estate. 6 double bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (1 ensuite), kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, reception room & family room. *(Available now, unfurnished.)*

Kensington & Notting Hill

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#### Holland Park w11

£1,550 per week

A beautiful 3 double bedroom property ideally situated on the 3rd floor of this immaculate Holland Park conversion. With sharp lines and an abundance of light, this apartment really must be viewed. *(Available now, unfurnished.)*

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## CHELSEA EMBANKMENT, SW3

### Spacious Riverside Living

- Entrance Hall • Reception Room • Eat-in Kitchen • Master Bedroom with ensuite Bathroom
- Double Bedroom • Bathroom • Parking Space • Resident Porter

**PRICE** £1550 per week

**TENURE** Unfurnished

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## KENDRICK MEWS, SW7

The Perfect Pied-a-terre

- Reception Room/Open Plan kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- First Floor
- Superb Location
- Independent Gas Fired Central Heating

**PRICE** £475,000  
**TENURE** Leasehold approx 84 years remaining  
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## CHEYNE HOUSE, SW3

Parking & River Views

- Entrance Hall
- Drawing Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Master Bedroom
- Ensuite Bathroom
- Bedroom Two
- Ensuite Bathroom
- Terrace
- Lift and Air Conditioning
- Underground Parking Space
- Resident Porter

**PRICE** £1,850,000  
**TENURE** Share of Freehold  
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## LYALL MEWS, SW1

Superb mews house between Knightsbridge and Sloane Square with roof terrace and garage. Approx. 2,292 sq ft.

5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, reception room, dining room, eat-in kitchen, cloakroom.

Furnished £2,950 per week



## BOURDON STREET, W1

5<sup>th</sup> floor apartment located in Mayfair with day porter, communal gardens and balcony.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, reception room.

Furnished £850 per week



## WARWICK SQUARE, SW1

Recently refurbished apartment finished to a high modern standard whilst retaining many original features.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, en suite wet room, reception room.

Furnished/unfurnished £850 per week



## LOWNDES STREET, SW1

Newly redecorated flat in period conversion close to the amenities of Knightsbridge.

Double bedroom, bathroom, reception room, separate kitchen.

Furnished/Unfurnished £395 per week

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## QUEENS GATE GARDENS, SW7

A fabulous lateral 1<sup>st</sup> floor flat over two buildings with a balcony in a central South Kensington area. 4 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, 3 bathrooms, eat-in kitchen.

Furnished/Unfurnished £2,750 per week



## QUEEN'S GATE GARDENS, SW7

Nicely presented flat on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of a well maintained period building with a lift and use of communal gardens, within close proximity of Gloucester Road. 2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, dining hall, caretaker, communal gardens.

Furnished £895 per week



## WETHERBY HOUSE, SW5

Nicely presented studio flat on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (with lift) in a period building close to Gloucester Road Underground station. Bedroom/reception room, bathroom.

Furnished £275 per week





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## CHELSEA EMBANKMENT, SW3

A raised ground floor flat with river views, reception room with high ceilings, wooden floors throughout and access to communal gardens. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room. **Furnished/Unfurnished £1,300 per week**



## HOLLAND PARK AVENUE, W11

A superb family house in an excellent location benefiting from front and rear gardens plus private courtyard and a cinema room. 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, reception room. **Unfurnished £2,950 per week**



## ELM PARK GARDENS, SW10

A newly refurbished flat situated on the ground floor with direct access to communal gardens. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room. **Furnished/Unfurnished £1,050 per week**



## LANSDOWNE WALK, W11

An immaculately decorated apartment in a period conversion in the heart of Holland Park benefiting from access to communal gardens. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room. **Unfurnished £865 per week**



## DANVERS STREET, SW3

A furnished flat overlooking the river and benefiting from a terrace and communal gardens. 2 bedrooms, bathroom, reception room. **Furnished £600 per week**



## HOLLAND PARK, W11

Newly decorated and well presented apartment in a period villa in Holland Park. The property also has excellent storage. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room. **Unfurnished £715 per week**

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### Room to breathe

This splendid terraced family house is situated on the popular Fernhurst Road, SW6. The property benefits from an unusually large south facing garden, making it highly desirable amongst families. Master bedroom suite, guest bedroom suite, three further double bedrooms, family bathroom, reception room, kitchen/dining room, cloakroom, cellar and south-facing garden.

**Guide Price, £1,395m**

**Contact Emma Stead at Savills on 020 7731 9400**

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### Focus on... Kensington

Kit Allen, Head of Savills Kensington Houses, comments:

“Since the beginning of the year, activity levels have increased substantially, when compared with the last quarter of 2008. This surge in interest in properties, needs to translate into sales agreed and is very much dependent on the price level of the market. Between £1m and £3m, prices are now back to their 2005 level of +/-£1,000 per sqft. However, at the £5m+ level, prices have depreciated from their 2007 high of £2,000 per sqft to between £1,300 and £1,800 per sqft. The gap between the expectations of purchasers and vendors has widened and deals are proving difficult to forge.

“Positively, there is still a market, and whilst volume is down, there is demand from both owner occupiers and investors. This is encouraging and if you are thinking of selling, I would take advantage of the current conditions.”

Matthew Hobbs, Head of Savills Kensington Lettings, comments: “Applicants wishing to rent here can expect to pay anything between £400 to £3,000+ per week for an apartment and £700 to £10,000 per week for a house. Kensington’s combination of upmarket properties, green spaces, cosmopolitan nature, diverse range of shopping, wide choice of schools and excellent transport facilities, make it an obvious choice for a tenant who wants to experience a ‘slice’ of London.”

Properties on The Phillimore Estate, one of the most prestigious addresses in London, are let and managed by Savills. They range in size from studio apartments to substantial family mansions. Amongst those currently available is a two-bedroom mansion flat at £725 per week and a substantial Victorian villa at £6,250 per week.

In recent months, they have been involved in a broad range of lettings with family houses and one- or two-bedroom flats leading the way with a return to a balanced, supply-versus-demand market. Presentation and confident pricing, as ever, have been the key to rapid turnaround.

### The changing face of Mayfair

With its grand Georgian architecture and mansions, Mayfair has been home to a wide selection of famous and historic residents. However, in the latter half of the 20th century, it became less appealing than its sister areas of Belgravia and Knightsbridge.

This was partly due to the large proportion of commercial leases which were allocated. This not only affected the atmosphere of the area but also greatly restricted the amount of residential property available. A problem which, according to Charles Lloyd, Associate Director of Savills and an expert on the Mayfair market, is only just rectifying itself. He comments: “Not only are many of the commercial leases beginning to expire, but large institutions are beginning to move away as the sale, 18 months ago, of the Naval Offices in Grosvenor Square and the pending sales of both the American and Canadian Embassies, illustrate. These, in turn, are being replaced by a new type of commercial site – ones geared far more towards residential inhabitants – such as the local restaurant and the boutique shop. Indeed, over the past seven years, Grosvenor has been strategically investing in the transformation of key Mayfair roads, such as Mount Street.”

In addition, the atmosphere in Mayfair was affected by a lack of available residential premises. Those which existed tended to be purchased by wealthy American, Asian and Middle Eastern individuals who bought into the area as a long-term investment, passing the property on from one generation to another.

Now, however, Mayfair has slipped onto the radar of professional Europeans with older families. Tom Lamb of Savills, comments: “Mayfair has always attracted an older crowd – a lack of schools and children’s parks has traditionally drawn younger families into the more densely residential areas of Belgravia, Knightsbridge and Chelsea. However, we have seen a shift as families with older (teenage) children, are now considering Mayfair, which up until a few years ago, they wouldn’t have done. Our figures over the last five years show that 61 per cent of our purchasers have been British or European, with 56 per cent aged 50 or under – this compares to our vendors, 94 per cent of whom have been aged 50 or over.”

Rachel Hunter, Director of Savills Lettings, adds: “75 per cent of our landlords in Mayfair are Middle Eastern with the additional 25 per cent made up of Asian, Russian and British individuals. Tenants interested in Mayfair tend to be high-net worth business men and women – 64 per cent are in their 40s. 25 per cent of those registered with us are British, 21 per cent American, 21 per cent South African and the remaining are from Russia or Eastern Europe. Increasingly, these individuals want to be in smart, portered blocks which have parking.”

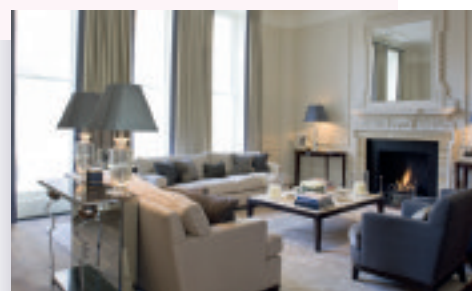
### The high life

One of the most prestigious London residential addresses on Eaton Square, SW1, is this magnificent family house; which has been renovated and refurbished by Finchatton to combine the glamour of a bygone age with the sophistication of the contemporary.

Five bedroom suites, entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, study, central hall, kitchen and family room, gym, cinema/media room, play area, garage for two cars, four-person passenger lift, internal courtyard garden, external south west-facing private terrace and staff apartment with private entrance.

**Guide Price, £25m**

**Contact Johnny Fuller at Savills on 020 7581 5234**







## Beautifully presented house with garage

Crescent Place, SW3

Entrance hall ■ drawing room ■ dining room ■ kitchen ■  
2 en suite bedrooms ■ cloakroom ■ garden ■ garage ■  
113 sq m (1,217 sq ft)

Savills Knightsbridge  
cholbrook@savills.com

020 7581 5234

Price on application Freehold





## A fine, Grade II listed, stucco fronted family house in the heart of Belgravia Eaton Terrace, SW1

Hall ■ dining room ■ drawing room ■ conservatory ■ kitchen/breakfast room ■ master bedroom with en suite bathroom & dressing room ■ guest bedroom suite with en suite bathroom ■ 2 further bedroom suites ■ fifth bedroom with kitchenette & en suite bathroom ■ utility room ■ cloakroom ■ roof terrace ■ double garage ■ 389 sq m (4,192 sq ft)

Savills Sloane Street  
tlamb@savills.com

020 7730 0822

Guide price £6.25 million Freehold





## Wonderful Lion house with a large garden

Peterborough Estate, Fulham, SW6

Double reception room ■ playroom ■ kitchen/breakfast room ■ master bedroom suite ■ 4 further bedrooms ■ 2 further bathrooms ■ cloakroom ■ utility room ■ 42' garden ■ 213 sq m (2,303 sq ft)

Savills Fulham  
lcuthill@savills.com

020 7731 9400

Guide price £1.695 million Freehold





## Spectacular and beautifully furnished apartment opposite Harrods Lancelot Place, SW7

Entrance hall ■ reception room with dining area ■ kitchen ■ master bedroom with en suite bathroom ■ bedroom 2 ■ shower room ■ communal gym & swimming pool ■ underground parking ■ 24 hour porterage ■  
171 sq m (1,848 sq ft)

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**020 7499 7722**

Savills Knightsbridge  
[astroud@savills.com](mailto:astroud@savills.com)  
**020 7581 5234**

Guide price £5.5 million Leasehold, approximately 999 years remaining





## A selection of newly refurbished lateral apartments in Belgravia

Ebury House, Elizabeth Street, SW1

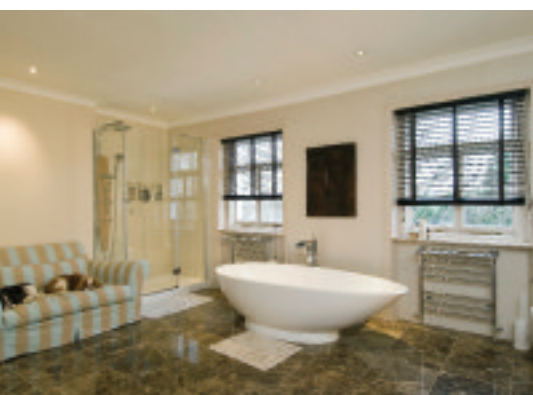
Reception room ■ eat-in kitchen ■ master bedroom (en suite) ■ 2 further bedrooms ■  
2 further bathrooms ■ cloakroom ■ part air conditioning ■ cat 5 networking ■  
first floor flat includes roof terrace

Savills Sloane Street  
rhunter@savills.com

020 7824 9005

Price range £1200 - £1350 per week Available furnished, part furnished, unfurnished





## A charming six bedroom family house

Holland Park Avenue, W11

Double reception room ■ home cinema room ■ eat in conservatory kitchen ■ family room ■  
6 double bedrooms ■ 4 bathrooms ■ utility room ■ front garden ■ rear patio terrace

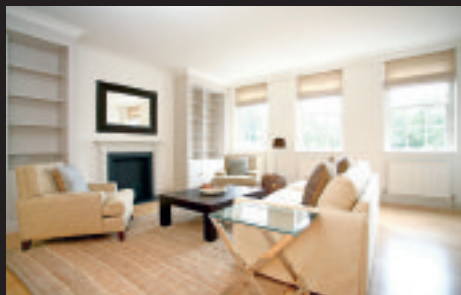
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020 7535 3333

£3850 per week   Unfurnished



# A selection of properties recently let by Savills



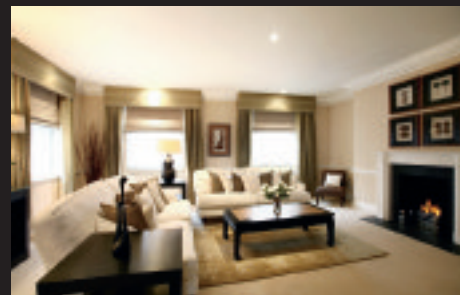
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Royal Avenue, SW3  
Guide price: £900 per week



**LET**

Cadogan Place, SW1  
Guide price: £1,495 per week



**LET**

Curzon Square, W1  
Guide price: £1,650 per week



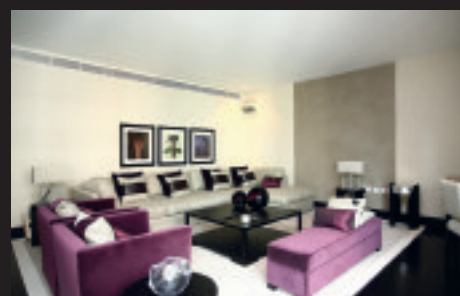
**LET**

The Phillimore, W8  
Guide price: £1,895 per week



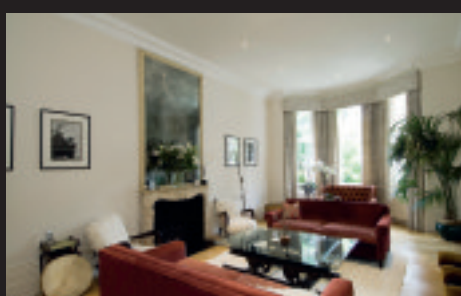
**LET**

Ladbroke Gardens, W11  
Guide price: £1,950 per week



**LET**

The Knightsbridge, SW7  
Guide price: £3,950 per week



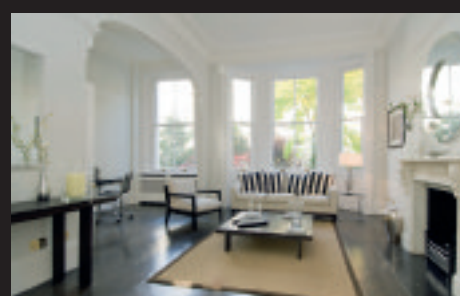
**LET**

Pembridge Place, W2  
Guide price: £4,250 per week



**LET**

Argyll Road, W8  
Guide price: £4,500 per week



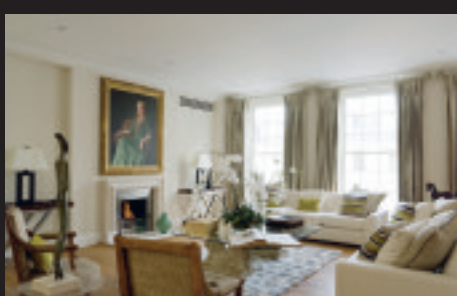
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Brunswick Gardens, W8  
Guide price: £4,950 per week



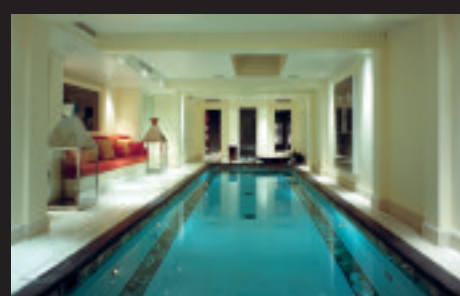
**LET**

Swan Walk, SW3  
Guide price: £8,500 per week



**LET**

Lyll Street, SW1  
Guide price: £10,000 per week



**LET**

Walton Street, SW3  
Guide price: £12,000 per week

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### Black and white

The monochrome palette of this sleek Lexham Gardens flat in W8 has a seriously modern, minimalist feel. This said, the 15ft ceiling height, original cornicing in the reception room and trio of full-height windows have been sensitively retained to create a characterful property. The 43ft x 30ft garden is styled to make the most of outdoor living (the southerly aspect helps, too). With dining space, sofas and beautiful structural landscaping. Accommodation includes: five bedrooms, four bathrooms, double reception room, kitchen/family/dining room, two studies, utility room, two cloakrooms, garden, terrace and balcony.

£5.25m, leasehold

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### Home house

The beautiful blossom-lined Abingdon Road is property nirvana, this four-bedroom family house is a prime example of the beautiful homes on offer. The four-floors start with the lower-ground floor kitchen, family room and patio, which will soon become the hub of the home. The ground floor drawing room makes for great entertaining space whilst the four bedrooms/two bedrooms over the top two floors will be more than enough room for your happy brood.

Accommodation includes: four bedrooms, two bathrooms, drawing room, family room, kitchen, dining area, study, entrance hall, utility room, cloakroom, patio and roof terrace.

£2.75m, freehold

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### A blank canvas

Recently overhauled, this family house on Lamont Road, SW10

is a white, open, light-filled space inside the pretty period façade. The lower ground floor kitchen/family room opens out onto the 22ft secluded garden (there is also an en-suite bedroom on this level, perfect for staff accommodation), whilst the whole ground floor has been opened up to create a grown-up reception/dining room with terrace. The remaining two floors are sensibly arranged to include three bedrooms, two bathrooms and dressing room.

£2.55m, freehold

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### Up on the roof

This maisonette ticks some great boxes internally – triple French doors onto a terrace from the grand reception room; a matching pair of bedroom/bathroom suites – but the really wow factor is the 20ft-square roof terrace overlooking the communal gardens to the rear, it's what spring was made for.

Accommodation includes: master bedroom with en suite bathroom, guest double bedroom with en suite bathroom, large reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, study/third bedroom with en suite shower room, two terraces, guest cloakroom and access to communal gardens.

Unfurnished, £1,950 per week

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### Sunny aspect

This three or four bedroom freehold house on Vintners Row, SW10 draws in light from the surrounding Ten Acre Estate on three sides, with views down the length of Lamont Road.

Inside, the four floors include a great, sociable kitchen and a sunny first floor reception. The bonus being its close proximity to the King's Road and a stone's throw from Sloane Square and Fulham Broadway tubes.

Accommodation includes: master bedroom with bathroom en suite, two further bedrooms, bedroom four/study, two shower rooms, reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and cloakroom.

£1.75m, freehold

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## Drayton Gardens, Chelsea SW10

### Large first floor flat

A spacious family flat with large rooms and high ceilings throughout. Master bedroom with bathroom en suite, bedroom 2 with shower room en suite, 2 further double bedrooms, shower room, bedroom 5/sitting room, reception room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, entrance hall, cloakroom, 8 balconies, lift, resident caretaker. Approximately 229sq.m (2,468sq.ft).

Share of freehold

**£2,650,000**

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## Cheyne Row, Chelsea SW3

Unusual contemporary house

This former fire station in the heart of Old Chelsea is one of the most stylish houses around. Master bedroom with bathroom en suite, 2 further double bedrooms, shower room, drawing room, kitchen/breakfast/sitting room, study area, utility room, cloak room, garden. Approximately 195sq.m (2,104sq.ft).

Freehold

**£2,950,000**

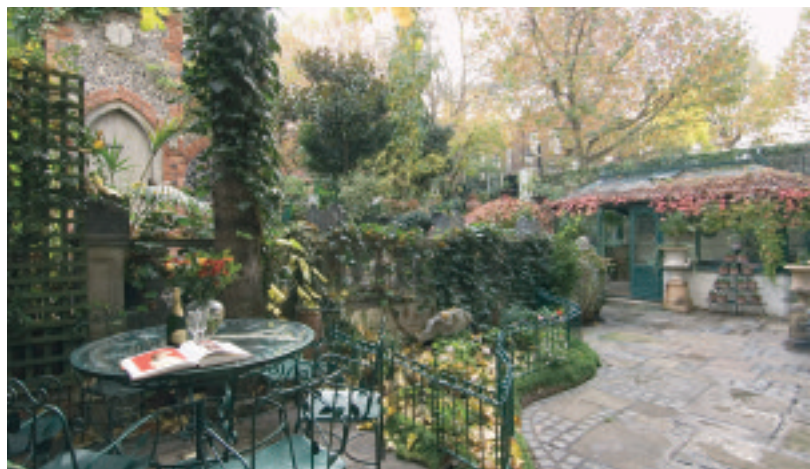
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## The Vale, Chelsea SW3

Unique lateral residence

Master bedroom en suite with dressing room, double bedroom with bathroom en suite, double bedroom with shower room en suite, 2 further double bedrooms, 2 further bathrooms, drawing room, sitting room, morning room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, family room/library, conservatory, 3 guest cloakrooms, entrance hall, pantry, storage vaults including wine cellar, guest suite and staff accommodation. Approximately 732sq.m (7,881sq.ft).

Freehold

**£9,500,000**

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## Bradbourne Street, Fulham SW6

Stylish and modern

A stylish house on the western side of a sought after road on the Peterborough Estate in the heart of Parsons Green. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, 5 further bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (1 en suite), double reception room, kitchen/dining room, family room, playroom, utility room, cloakroom, west-facing garden. Approximately 340sq.m (3,660sq.ft).

Freehold

Guide price: £2,800,000

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## Dovehouse Street, Chelsea SW3

Low built, garage and off-street parking

A conveniently located low built freehold house situated in a quiet private courtyard. 3/4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, cloakroom, double reception room, kitchen, dining room, study, utility room, garden, garage, 2 parking spaces. Approximately 201sq.m (2,164sq.ft).

Freehold

Guide price: £2,750,000

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Entrance Hall, Reception Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Two Bathrooms (One En-Suite), Low Maintenance Garden, Utility Cupboard, Storage and Vaults.

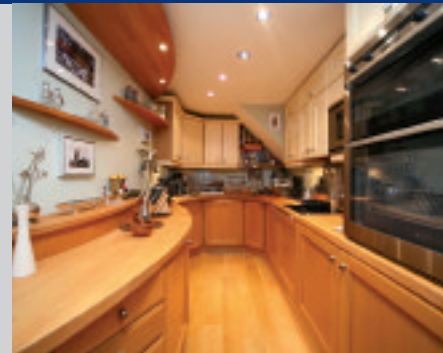
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**Barkston Gardens, SW5**  
Three bedroom Victorian conversion  
overlooking communal gardens in Earls Court

£1,349,000 Share of freehold

- Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Two balconies

- Share of freehold
- First floor
- Earls Court Underground

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**Philbeach Gardens, SW5**  
Two bedroom Victorian conversion  
overlooking communal gardens in Earls Court

£685,000 Share of freehold

- Two bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- High Ceilings

- Share of freehold
- First floor
- Earls Court Underground

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### Stanhope Gardens, SW7

Four bedroom duplex maisonette overlooking a garden square in South Kensington

£1,250,000 Leasehold

- Four bedrooms
- Two bathrooms (one en suite)
- Views over garden square
- Feature fireplace
- Third and fourth floor
- Gloucester Road Underground

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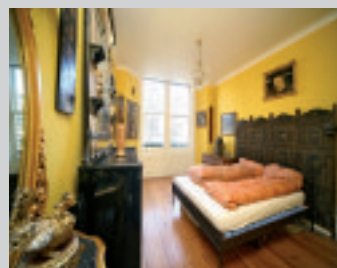
### Bina Gardens, SW5

Two bedroom flat with views over garden square in South Kensington

£599,950 Share of freehold

- Two bedrooms
- High ceilings
- Open plan kitchen
- Communal gardens
- Third floor
- Gloucester Road Underground

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### Rosary Gardens, SW7

One bedroom red brick Victorian conversion first floor flat with balcony in South Kensington

£625,000 Leasehold

- One bedroom
- West facing reception
- Separate kitchen
- Balcony
- First floor
- Gloucester Road underground

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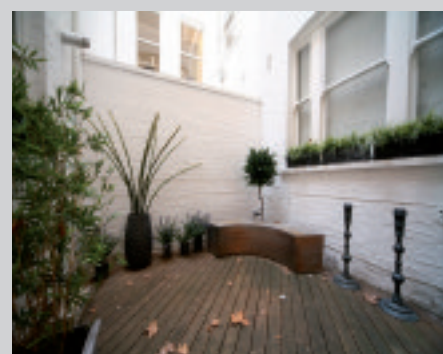
**Pont Street, SW1X**  
Contemporary two bedroom flat with  
balcony in Knightsbridge conversion

£950 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Raised ground floor

- High ceilings
- Private balcony
- Knightsbridge Underground

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**Bramham Gardens, SW5**  
Two bedroom flat with direct garden access  
between Earls Court and Gloucester Road

£815p/w Unfurnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Direct communal garden access
- Two bathrooms

- Lower ground floor
- Wood floors
- Earls Court Underground

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**Nevern Square, SW5**  
Three double bedroom flat on a garden square in Earls Court

£750p/w Unfurnished

- Three double bedrooms
- Third floor of conversion
- Three bathrooms

- Separate kitchen
- Access to communal gardens
- Earls Court Underground

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**Elm Park Lane, SW3**  
Two bedroom mews house with garage near 'Fulham Beach', Chelsea

£ 595 p/w Furnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Arranged over two floors
- Private garage

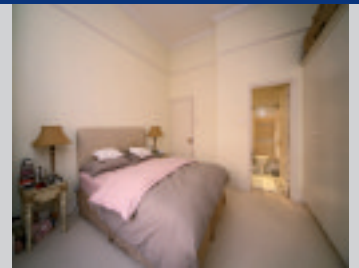
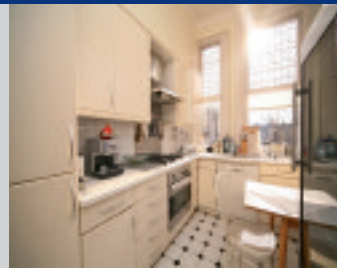
- Wood floors
- Separate kitchen
- Gloucester Road Underground

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### Draycott Place, SW3

First floor two bedroom, two bathroom flat near Sloane Square

£560 p/w Furnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- First floor of conversion
- Separate kitchen
- High ceilings
- Sloane Square Underground

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### Stanhope Gardens, SW7

Two bedroom flat on a garden square in South Kensington

£495 p/w Furnished

- Two bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Open plan kitchen
- Third floor, lift
- Access to communal gardens
- Gloucester Road Underground

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### Warwick Way, SW1V

Two bedroom duplex with private terrace on the Pimlico Grid

£475 p/w Unfurnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Wood floors
- Open plan kitchen
- Private terrace
- Arranged 2nd and 3rd floors
- Pimlico Underground

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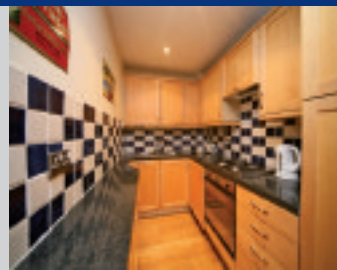
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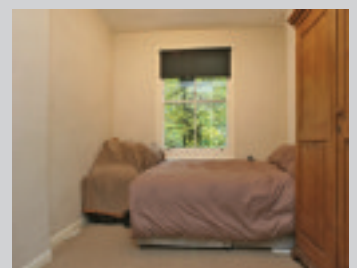
### Brechin Place, SW7

Raised ground floor one bedroom flat just off Gloucester Road in South Kensington

£450p/w Furnished

- One double bedroom
- Raised ground floor
- Separate kitchen
- High ceilings
- Space for dining
- Gloucester Road Underground

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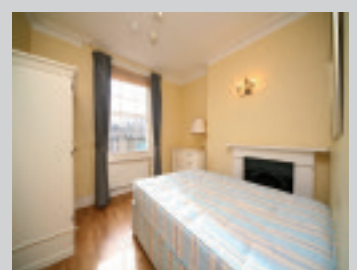
### Finborough Road, SW10

Raised ground floor two bedroom flat on the Chelsea borders

£375p/w Furnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Wood floors
- Separate kitchen
- Two bathrooms
- Raised ground floor
- Earls Court Underground

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### Cathcart Road, SW10

One bedroom flat just off Hollywood Road in Chelsea

£350 p/w Furnished

- One double bedroom
- Wood floors
- Separate kitchen
- Second floor of conversion
- Dining area
- Earls Court Underground

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## Harrods Court, Brompton Place, SW3

A stylish two bedroom apartment located on the first floor of this small portered development moments from Harrods. Quietly tucked away at the end of Brompton Place, this modern block benefits from 24 hour security and the incoming purchaser is offered the use of an underground parking space with valet parking. The flat offers spacious accommodation with a large entertaining area and master bedroom suite. Further benefits include a second bedroom with en suite shower room, large kitchen (with separate utility area) and ample storage space. Ideally located from Knightsbridge, Sloane Street and Hyde Park.

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**Share of Freehold**

**Price: £2,375,000**

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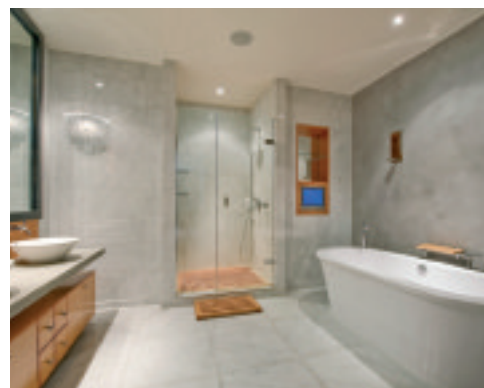
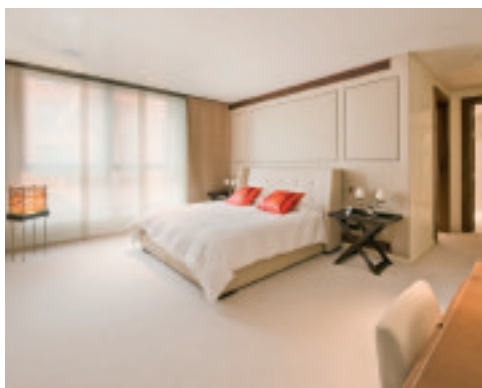
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## Trevor Square, Knightsbridge, SW7

Interior designed by Candy and Candy, this extremely spacious two bedroom apartment (1970 sq ft / 183 sq.m) is located on the 3rd floor of this prestigious Knightsbridge portered block and benefits from an amazing 640 sq.ft / 60 sq.m double aspect reception room with a large south-facing balcony. Featuring numerous bespoke furnishings and fittings, there is also one large car-parking space on the 1st floor level car park. Finished to the highest specifications with Poggenpohl kitchens, air-conditioning and Crestron integrated home entertainment systems; Trevor Square provides 24 hour concierge, above ground private carparking, resident's roof-garden and a comprehensive security system.

**Leasehold 992 years**

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**Portland Road, W11 £2,200pw**



**Chester Row, SW1W £2,250pw**

A beautifully interior designed house in this pretty area of Holland Park. The house is arranged over five floors (approx 1815 sq ft) and accommodation comprises large eat-in kitchen with access to patio garden, double reception room, guest cloakroom, master suite with dressing area and large ensuite bathroom, two further double bedrooms, large bathroom and roof terrace. Available immediately for long term let on an unfurnished basis at £2,200pw or on a furnished basis at £2,500pw.

This beautifully refurbished three double bedroom period townhouse (of approx 2034 sq ft internally) is arranged over four floors with the living accommodation on the ground and first floors. The property also benefits from a pretty south facing garden and features a fully integrated Bank and Olfson stereo system, Baulthup kitchen and antique working fireplaces. Extremely close to Sloane Square, the property is available on a furnished or unfurnished basis immediately for long term let.

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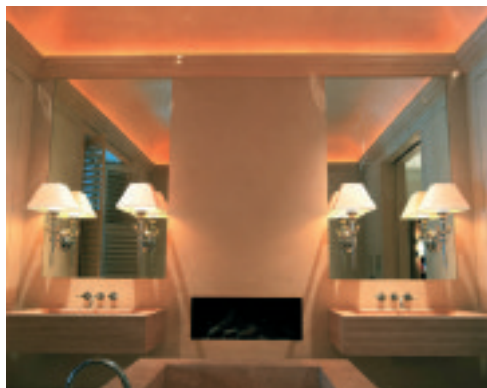


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## Walton Place, SW3 £9,750pw (short let)

An absolutely stunning family house on the corner of Walton Place directly opposite Harrods. This is a rare opportunity to rent such a property as featured in several interior design publications, for the summer of 2009. Accommodation of approx 3800 sq ft comprises four bedrooms plus study, four bathrooms, three reception rooms, large eat in kitchen, wine cellar, and several pretty outside areas. The rent includes a housekeeper, and parking is also possibly available by separate negotiation. Available for short let on a furnished basis from the end of July until the beginning of September.

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## Miami Inc

Charlie Greig is creative director of Bespoke Homes, and over the last 15 years has created a number of spectacular buildings in London for her own portfolio and for clients.

Greig's approach and interior perception reflects the times we live in, her clean, bright and modern spaces encompass luxury and the latest technology. Greig adapts herself to a range of styles and finishes, both modern and classical, but pays particular attention to detail and one-off designs.

Greig's latest project, situated in Brondesbury Park, NW2, has received exceptional recognition. The project was inspired by modern architecture from Ibiza and Miami and sits surprisingly well in the heart of London. Built using the latest technology and powered by sustainable energy, this property boasts everything a discerning home owner could wish for. Bespoke Homes is qualified to consider all types of refurbishment and new-build projects and visibly welcomes a challenge. Greig's outstanding organisation skills bring projects in on time and within budget, with a taste that is unique and opulent. [charliegreigbespoke.com](http://charliegreigbespoke.com) 07976 352 472



## Art house

Chesterton Humberts' flagship Sloane Avenue branch will be moonlighting as an art gallery, with an exhibition of the works of sculptor Dorothy Brook and painter Roger Holtom this month. "People come from all over the world to live in our capital city, whose history, cultural and artistic attractions are renowned," comments Robert Bartlett, Chesterton Humberts CEO.

"Our clients will be able to experience a variety of artists while considering their property transactions at our flagship branch." The exhibition will be open Mondays through Thursdays 9am-7pm, Fridays 9am-6pm, Saturdays 10am-4pm, at Chesterton Humberts, 60 Sloane Avenue, SW3 3DD. All works will be on sale, with prices from £3,750-£5,000 for Dorothy Brook's work and Roger Holtom's from £650-£1,950.



## Easy sell

Some house just sell themselves, what can we say about this stucco-fronted five bedder on Campden Hill Road? At every turn, there are fireplaces, ornate plasterwork and glorious finishes to fall in love with. The double reception (half of which is the panelled library, pictured) leads onto the adjoining conservatory. Upstairs there is a study, four bedrooms and three bathrooms. Topped off by a family-friendly west-facing garden.

£3.5m, freehold. Egerton Roche, 020 7589 0909

## Move to the country

If you are toying with the idea of quitting the big smoke (who isn't?) then make sure you pop into the Move to the Country Show at Chelsea Old Town Hall at the end of the month. Douglas & Gordon have teamed up with 'The London Office' group of country agents to provide ideas and information for those considering the big move. At least 25 handpicked provincial agents and relocation agents will be on hand to answer all questions – from commuting times and local schools, to shortlisting the finest chocolate box cottages and country estates on the market.

29 April in The Main Hall, Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, 2-7pm



## Let there be light

The sleek woods and neutral tones in this Princedale Road town house open up the four floors, from the ground floor sitting room, leading directly onto the decked garden; to the modern, sociable kitchen on the lower ground floor. The master bedroom suite occupies the whole first floor, whilst the second floor houses a further two bedrooms and one family bathroom.

£1.495m, freehold  
Chard, 020 7243 4500







## Glebe Place, London SW3

A spectacular property spanning five Victorian artist's studios built in 1891, sumptuously designed with triple height ceilings and spacious reception rooms, a separate art gallery, a self-contained maisonette on two floors in Oakley Street, which is accessed through the garden and an incredible award-winning roof garden which spans approximately 120 feet.

Main House: 2 Reception Rooms • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Kitchenette • 2 Double Bedrooms • 2 Dressing Rooms • 2 Bathrooms • 3 Guest Cloakrooms • Wine Cellar • Laundry Room • Garden with Octagonal Greenhouse • Large Roof Terrace

Self Contained Maisonette: Reception Room • Office • Staff Room • Kitchen • 2 Bedrooms • Shower Room • 2 Guest Cloakrooms

Art Gallery: Large Studio Room/Gallery • Mezzanine Gallery/Bedroom • Kitchen/Store Bedroom/Office • Library/Bedroom • Bathroom • Shower Room

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## Eaton Square, London SW1

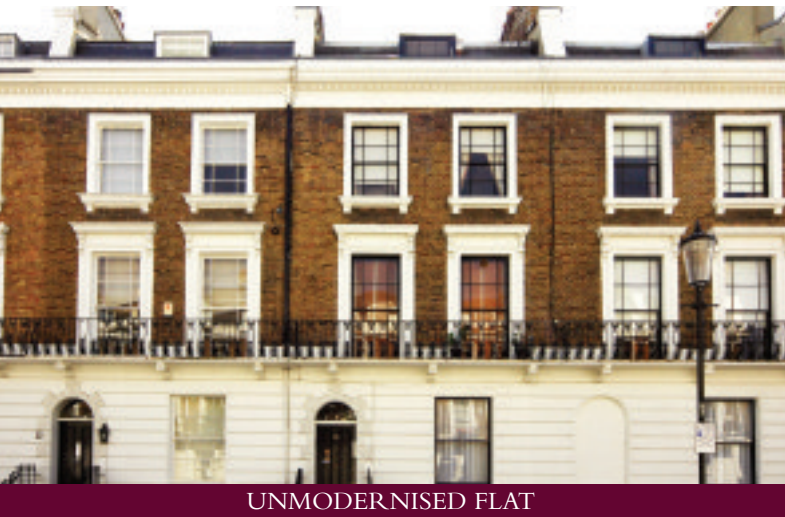
An elegant and beautifully presented ground and lower ground floor flat with its own front door situated in this prime central London square with a south facing terrace and garden.

Reception Room • Dining Room • Kitchen • 2 Double Bedrooms • Bedroom 3/Study • 2 Bathrooms • Shower Room  
South Facing Garden • Terrace • Caretaker

Leasehold – Approx. 19 years

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## Hobury Street, London SW10

An unmodernised lower ground floor flat with direct access to communal gardens in a handsome part stuccoed period building in a quiet location between the Fulham and King's Roads close to The Beach and within walking distance of Fulham Broadway.

Reception Room • Kitchen • 2 Double Bedrooms • Bathroom  
Direct Access to Communal Gardens

Leasehold – Approx. 104 years

£495,000 STC



## Tetcott Road, London SW10

A key house in the terrace which is in good condition but offers a purchaser the opportunity to remodel the lower ground floor if required to create a large kitchen/family room. To the rear is a private garden overlooking Westfield Park.

Reception Room • Study/Family Room • Kitchen • 4 Bedrooms  
2 Bathrooms • Guest Cloakroom • Utility Room • Garden • Balcony

Freehold

£1,275,000 STC



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## Shawfield Street, London SW3

This stylish townhouse has been refurbished to an excellent standard and provides over 2,869 sq ft of fantastic living space. The property is situated just south of the King's Road in Chelsea and benefits from its own garage.

5 Double Bedrooms • 4 Bathrooms • Reception Room • Media Room • Kitchen/Dining Room • Paved Garden • Garage

Unfurnished

£3,400 Per Week



## Kensington Court, London W8

A fabulous apartment with a large double reception room, dark wooden floors, good views and excellent storage throughout. The flat is close to all the shops and amenities in the area and a short walk away from Hyde Park.

2 Double Bedrooms • 2 Bathrooms • Double Reception Room • Open Plan Kitchen • Lift

Furnished/Unfurnished

£1,500 Per Week



## Limerston Street, London SW10

A charming, neutrally decorated house, which is located in the heart of the Ten Acre Estate, just off the King's Road and Fulham Road with a pretty paved garden.

2 Double Bedrooms • Study/Bedroom 3 • Bathroom • Shower Room • Double Reception Room • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Paved Garden

Unfurnished

£1,000 Per Week



## Courtfield Gardens, London SW5

A second floor flat overlooking gardens, with a large storage room accessed from the half landing. It has unusually high ceilings and is light and bright.

2 Double Bedrooms • Bathroom • Reception Room • Kitchen • Access To Communal Gardens

Unfurnished

£495 Per Week





# Agent speaks:

**Peter Rickenberg**  
managing director  
Bective Leslie Marsh

**A**re we at the bottom of the market? This is the question on everyone's lips when asking about property prices and, in the best tradition of all good salesmen, I am going to hedge my bets albeit on the positive side.

I broadly believe that any vendor that has listened to the market and dropped their price accordingly will have sold, or will shortly sell their property but this could easily represent a 25-30 per cent reduction from the 2007 summer peak and is not without significant financial pain. Sadly, many sellers find this reality hard to take and there are countless examples of properties languishing on the market with little interest, however, there are increasing numbers of examples of new properties coming to the market at a sensible price and selling within days.

So what is enticing these buyers back? Some pretty good fundamentals are returning to the market which once again makes property look like a good investment. At the fore is the simple fact that most properties will rent and produce a yield of 4-6 per cent and that represents 3.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent over the current 0.5 per cent base rate. We have not witnessed this level of return for many years as investors got used to virtually no return, instead relying on capital growth alone. The cost of borrowing is also linked to the base rate and there are some very attractive loans available to those with a substantial cash deposit and of course property prices have reduced considerably. Investors have to invest and with so much of the financial world in disarray property appears a safe haven with known returns.

Typically the first buyers back in the market are the wealthy. They tend to recognise the point when the tables turn and good value returns and are keen to pick up the bargains. Foreign buyers are particularly prevalent at the moment and who can blame a euro- or dollar-rich investor picking up a real bargain when they are getting a further discount of 20 per cent through sterling's weakness. Well funded buy-to-let investors are also returning in significant numbers.

However, not all types of properties are selling. Typical first time

buyer properties are still struggling because of the lack of high percentage finance available leaving the coast clear for rental investors to pick off the most attractive properties. Mortgage companies remain very risk averse and are being cautious on the percentage they lend and the earning potential of the applicant thereby keeping a tight lid on this sector. The location is another important factor as we tend to witness greater equity in central London and greater debt on the fringes.

So, what is going to happen next? When the property market is booming it tends to boom in all areas and price sectors. In recovery the market acts in a very different way. As previously mentioned, the first buyers to return are the wealthy, speculators and investors and they are already back in force. We are at the early stage of seeing the

next crop of buyers who, typically, are well paid professionals looking to trade up and take advantage of the cheap money currently available. This type of buyer is driven by sentiment and confidence which can ebb and flow on a daily basis and is hugely dependent on job confidence. However, those who are feeling secure in employment realise the price differential in trading up has shrunk considerably.

Many have put off a move already for too long and are stuck with the reality that you cannot wait forever. Last will be the return of the highly geared buyer. There are many applicants that would like to buy but simply cannot get the finance and will have to wait for the lenders to reacquire an appetite for lending. This could take some time and is a source of frustration for a buyer who is renting a property at 5 per cent of its value when they could be buying one for less.

A mixed bag certainly, but some real sense of purpose has returned to the market. I believe the year will continue in a positive yet cautious manner with plenty more uncertain economic news particularly on unemployment. However, all downturns bring new opportunities and the brave are already back in the game and will bring increasing numbers of others with them.

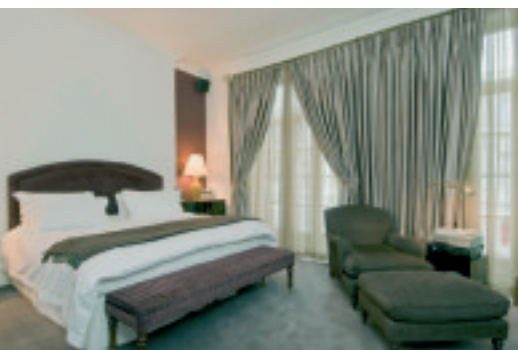
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## Period family home

Bramerton Street, Chelsea SW3

A very bright and elegant freehold family period house (232 sq m/2,497 sq ft approx.) presented in excellent condition with flexible accommodation and a west facing patio garden.

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Freehold

£3,950,000

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### Classical period home

Warwick Gardens,  
Kensington W14

A superb house (302 sq m/3,251 sq ft approx.) with extensive living accommodation over five floors. Well located within the Royal Borough, this property offers an exciting opportunity to develop into multiple units (subject to planning consent) or for use as a striking family home.

8 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms (3 en suite), double reception room, kitchen, utility room, patio, garden.

**Freehold**

**£2,650,000**

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### Four bedroom freehold house

Logan Place,  
Kensington W8

A beautiful, modern and contemporary home (151 sq m/1,625 sq ft approx.) offering well designed living space over four floors and within easy reach to the amenities of Kensington High Street and Earls Court. 4 double bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (2 en suites), cloakroom, reception room, open plan kitchen/dining room, south facing patio garden, garage, off street parking.

**Freehold**

**£1,750,000**

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## Contemporary living

Campden Grove,  
Kensington W8

A magnificent maisonette (221 sq m/2,389 sq ft approx.) arranged over three floors, perfectly located within the Royal Borough, close to the green spaces of Kensington Gardens and Holland Park.

4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, cloakroom, double drawing room, kitchen, entrance hall, loft, south facing terrace.

Freehold

£3,100,000

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## Modern classic

Woodsford Square,  
Holland Park W14

A newly refurbished and interior designed family house (207 sq m/2,228 sq ft approx.) in this quiet residential square, ideally located close to Holland Park and High Street Kensington.

5 double bedrooms, 5 bathrooms (3 en suite), 2 large reception rooms, patio garden, conservatory, garage with utility area, off street parking.

Freehold

£2,700,000

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## PALACE GATE W8



A beautifully presented one bedroom flat on the ground floor of this popular art deco building. The flat has been completely refurbished to exacting standards and is well situated close to the park, between the Royal Albert Hall and Kensington Palace. Entrance Hallway: Reception Room/Kitchen: Bedroom: Shower Room: Resident Porter.

**Leasehold 984 years**

**£495,000**

## HOBURY STREET SW10



A spacious (714 sq ft) un-modernised garden flat with direct access onto communal gardens. The property is an attractive period building and requires complete refurbishment with the current layout allowing for two double bedrooms.

Previous layout - Entrance Hall: Reception Room: Two Bedrooms: Bathroom: Kitchen Communal Garden.

**Leasehold 103 years**

**£495,000**

## ONSLow GARDENS SW7



An outstanding newly and extensively refurbished ground and lower ground floor maisonette situated in this elegant period property in a quiet cul-de-sac part of Onslow Gardens. The impressive drawing room opens directly onto the communal gardens and the flat also benefits from a private patio.

Three Doubles with En-Suite Bathrooms: Drawing Room: Dining Room: Large Eat-In Kitchen: Breakfast Room: Cloakroom: Laundry and Storage Cupboards: Under Pavement Storage Vault: Two Patios.

**Furnished or Unfurnished**

**£2750 per week**

## CHELTENHAM TERRACE SW3



A fabulous three bedroom house presented in immaculate order throughout with views over Duke of York Square garden. Arranged over four floors the house benefits from a private garden and is a short walk to Sloane Square.

Master Bedroom with En-Suite Bathroom and Separate Shower: Two Further Double Bedrooms: Bathroom: Double Aspect Reception Room: Dining Room to seat 8-10 people: Study: Laundry Room: Cloakroom: Garden.

**Unfurnished**

**£2200 per week**



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PEMBROKE MEWS KENSINGTON W8



A three storey house situated in a private cul-de-sac off Earls Court Road near Pembroke Square. The property has a contemporary feel and is presented in excellent decorative order. Benefits include two good floors of reception space in addition to three double bedrooms and a south facing roof terrace as well as private mews parking outside.

First Floor Drawing Room: Ground Floor Kitchen through to Dining Room: Family Room: Cloakroom: Master Bedroom with En-Suite Bathroom: Two Further Bedrooms: Bathroom South Facing Terrace: Private Mews Parking.

**Freehold**

**Price on Application**

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**Company profile:** Operations are now controlled from our smart new headquarter offices based in Hill Street, off Berkeley Square; serving our London residential, rural and commercial divisions with over 750 personnel in the UK and Middle East.

**Typical property:** Prime Mayfair, Knightsbridge and Belgravia, Westminster and all RBK&C flats and houses. We are short-lease specialists, but naturally deal in long leases and freeholds, too. We also advise on selling/renting new developments.

**Tips to seller:** Consider every detail of every offer – cash is stronger than a mortgage, but timing, commitment and “small print” also could prove vital. A lower offer isn’t necessarily a worse offer.

**Tips to buyer:** The best properties still sell in competition with other buyers, so don’t believe you are the only buyer in the market.

**Market comment:** Property is one of only a few asset sectors that give comparative security, so there are increasingly many funds set up to buy residential stock in central London, to diversify their holdings. Financial markets have seen much bigger losses (c. 45 per cent) than prime property (c. 25 per cent) since last years peak.

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**Company profile:** Our unique combination of sector knowledge and entrepreneurial flair gives clients access to real estate expertise of the highest calibre. We are regarded as an innovative thinking company backed up with excellent negotiating skills.

**Typical property:** Flats and houses from £500,000 to £50m, or £500pw to £20,000pw.

**Tips to seller:** Seek advice from three agents who have a track record of handling the sale or letting of your type of property and request comparables as to how they arrived at the price.

**Tips to buyer:** Familiarise yourself with the geographical area of your search and get to know the key agents who handle those properties. Keep in touch with them and be prepared to act fast.

**Market comment:** The number of foreign buyers registering has risen by more than a third in the last month, mainly from Eurozone countries. Prime central London property is now up to 50 per cent cheaper than it was a year ago due to the fall in sterling and property prices. 2009 could be the year when the hitherto inactive Japanese and central Eurozone nationals return.

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**Head of sales:** Guy Major

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**Typical property:** Magnificent mansion blocks overlooking Grosvenor Square and Hyde Park. Streets east of Park Lane going towards Berkeley Square consist of town houses many of which have returned to residential use as either whole houses or split into apartments.

**Tips to seller:** Buyers are returning to the market but be realistic – don’t expect 2007 prices.

**Tips to buyer:** The lack of properties on the market continues to be an issue. Prices have already fallen in Mayfair and have now stabilised, so if you find the perfect property, don’t prevaricate.

**Market comment:** Mayfair has not seen the buzz of activity that has occurred in Kensington and Chelsea in the first three months of the year. However interest from overseas is starting to increase and with international buyers starting to return, activity will pick up as they take advantage of reduced prices and weak sterling.

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## JACKSON-STOPS & STAFF

**Head of sales:** Adrian Mason

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**Company profile:** Jackson Stops & Staff were established nearly 100 years ago (1910) and first opened a Mayfair office on Curzon Street in the 1930s. Today we have over 40 offices across the country and offer a complete range of residential, commercial and professional services. With 12 prominent offices across London, we offer sound advice based on local knowledge and aim to provide clients with a truly exceptional level of service.

**Typical property:** Anything from a small pied a terre to a large family home. We concentrate on quality rather than quantity.

**Tips to seller:** Instruct your solicitor early to avoid delays once a buyer is found. Keep your home clutter-free and make sure the agent has keys so viewings can be arranged at short notice.

**Tips to buyer:** Organise your mortgage in advance as this process can be protracted, especially at the moment. Don’t believe everything you read. Good property sells in any market and you may end up disappointed if you try to be too clever.

**Market comment:** Things have definitely picked up. We registered 10 per cent more applicants in January than in the last three months of last year. In turn, we agreed the same number of sales in the first six weeks of this year as we did in the last three months of 2008. At long last, the market seems to be on the move again.

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## CHESTERTON

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**Company profile:** Chesterton, first established in 1805, has joined forces with Humberts, which itself was established in 1842, to create a new national and international company with over 350 years experience in the property market. This will give Chesterton clients access to a new range of potential buyers who are looking for property in the UK alongside our existing London and International client base.

**Typical Property:** We list a comprehensive range of freehold, share of freehold, long and short leasehold properties throughout Mayfair and Park Lane. These include a selection of newly refurbished houses and apartments along with properties requiring modernisation and lease extensions.

**Tips to seller:** Due to the current economic climate, we would advise vendors to price their property realistically in order to attract buyers who have an ever increasing choice of property available to them.

**Tips to buyer:** Research the market thoroughly to establish which specific area and type of property is of interest. View all short-listed properties without delay to avoid disappointment as competition for well located and well priced prime properties is intense even in the current market place.

**Market Comment:** Due to the current weakness of the pound against the euro and the dollar, coupled with a relative softening of prime property prices, we are currently registering high levels of overseas buyer interest. Mayfair's international brand recognition and quality is also regarded as a safer haven for real estate investors both locally and internationally. **47 South Audley Street, W1K 2QA**  
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**Head of sales:** Chris Sellwood

**Head of lettings:** Ian Wright

**Company profile:** Foxtons, one of the most recognisable brands in London, has established itself as a leading estate agent in both London and Surrey over the last 28 years. We are known for our proactive approach to selling all types of properties across the capital as well as our longer opening hours and comprehensive marketing. **Typical property:** Park Lane penthouses to historical town houses, Mayfair is blessed with a diverse range of properties, from studios to large lateral apartments.

**Tips to seller:** Time is critical in today's marketplace. Make sure that you instruct a proactive solicitor and have a complete seller's pack in place. If your solicitor is slow, you could jeopardise the sale.

**Tips to buyer:** It is almost impossible to see when the market has reached its lowest point until it is on the way up again – by then it's too late. Property is now more realistically priced and there is less competition. Do not wait too long or you will miss out.

**Market comment:** One thing is certain, there is more activity in terms of applicant numbers and conducted viewings, especially with overseas buyers taking advantage of strong currencies. This is a positive sign.

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**Head of sales:** Mike Bickerton

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**Company profile:**

DTZ is one of the 'big four' global real estate advisers operating across Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA), Asia Pacific and the Americas, with over 12,500 property professionals across 150 cities in 45 countries.

**Typical property:** New apartment sales and individual established houses and apartments across all price ranges.

**Tips to seller:** Concentrate on setting a realistic asking price and ensure that your property is presented at its best both inside and out.

**Tips to buyer:** In a difficult market, buying in a prime location will generally be the safest bet as a long-term investment.

**Market comment:** The weak pound has seen a flurry of overseas purchasers looking to invest in UK property. Early signs show a return of buyer confidence and we expect this trend to continue through 2009/2010.

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Earlier this year, Louisa Allert moved over from sales to work as a buying consultant to Kaye and Carey, helping ensure buyers are finding the right property to buy. She works on a very competitive, performance-related fee structure ensuring her utmost commitment to negotiating the best possible price for buyers. Drawing on years of experience selling properties across prime central London, she knows where to look and who to talk to. Indeed, because she is very people orientated and has established good working relationships with all the major estate agents, many of the properties she acquires are found before they ever hit the open market. Buyers with cash need to be ready to move quickly, preferably just before the market bottoms out, and by employing Louisa to search on their behalf, she can ensure they are best placed to make a solid and dependable offer once the right property has been found. The service she offers is both discreet and personal and buyers can rely on her to ensure that whether they are buying a pied-à-terre, an investment for their portfolio, or their new family home, it will also be a saleable asset in the future.

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## A stone's throw

Equidistant to Hyde Park, Marble Arch and Park Lane – we can't think of a more exclusive pad to call home than this five-bedroom, lateral apartment on Connaught Place, W2. Spanning 9,000sqft, the completely refurbished home is palatial in proportions, from the two en suite bathrooms and two dressing rooms to the master bedroom; to the state-of-the-art kitchen and spa-worthy bathrooms.

Features include: two reception rooms, study, kitchen, dining room, five double bedrooms, six bathrooms, two dressing rooms, utility room, integrated sound system, plasma screens, Lutron lighting, internal lift and separate self-contained staff accommodation.

**£20,000pw  
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## Easy does it

This three-bedroom flat in Sloane Court West, SW3 is easy living at its best. In a well-run, purpose built, portered block, the real selling point is it's direct access onto the communal gardens. Sloane Square and the King's Road are within easy reach, too so there is even an easy commute to work and play.

Accommodation comprise: drawing room, dining room (or third bedroom), master bedroom with en-suite shower room, bedroom two, bathroom two, kitchen and resident porter.

**POA, leasehold**

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## Go west

One of our favourite addresses in the Grove, this three/four bedroom home on Westbourne Park Road, W2 has real soul. The traditional family layout/feel with a flexible three/four reception rooms make it instantly feel like home; whilst the large glazed extension onto the verdant patio garden make for a perfect sanctuary in the middle of town.

**£1,750pw, long let**

**Grosvenor International, 020 7586 0088**



## Key to the door

This picture-perfect south-west facing Belgravia mews house on Kinnerton Street, SW1 just off Motcomb Street, is arranged over three floors and offers 1,604sqft of space, with an integral garage and air-conditioning in the main rooms, which have a grand, period feel. The open green spaces of Hyde Park are a short walk away and the new owners will have the opportunity to purchase a key to the communal gardens in Belgrave Square.

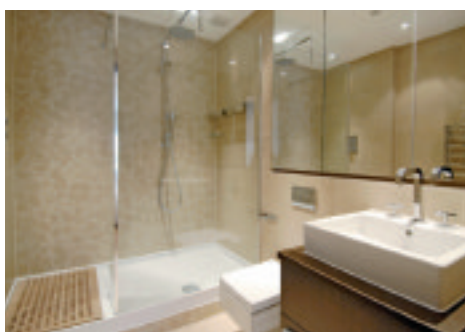
Accommodation comprises: reception room, dining room, kitchen, double bedroom with en suite bathroom, further double bedroom with en suite bathroom, double bedroom, bathroom, guests' cloakroom and garage.

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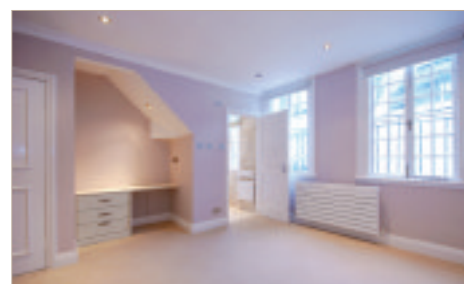


## Adam and Eve Mews, W8

An amazing refurbished town house hidden away on Adam and Eve Mews. The house has been immaculately finished throughout with a bespoke kitchen and a wonderful rear garden.

- Reception Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garden
- Off-Street Parking

£2000.00 per week



## Rutland Mews South, SW7

A simply wonderful property in a private secluded mews in the very heart of Knightsbridge village. Benefiting from a full and sympathetic refurbishment throughout.

- 3 Double Bedrooms
- 1 Single Bedroom
- 2 Large Reception Rooms
- 1 Family Bathroom
- 1 En-Suite Bathroom
- Newly Refurbished
- Unfurnished

£1,900 per week.





## REDCLIFFE SQUARE, CHELSEA SW10

An unmodernised studio style flat with fantastic ceiling heights and period features. The flat has superb westerly views over the garden square.  
(Approx 822 sq ft / 76.36 sq m)

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**TENURE: 999 YEARS FROM 27TH APRIL 1998**

**£795,000** SUBJECT TO CONTRACT



## REDCLIFFE SQUARE, CHELSEA SW10

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(Approx 1,328 sq ft / 123.37 sq m)

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furnished**

### EBURY STREET, SW1W

Situated in the heart of Belgravia is this fantastic 4 bedroom family house with the versatile accommodation arranged over 5 floors. The property boasts a garden, roof terrace and also has access to Belgrave Square.



**£1950.00  
per week  
furnished/  
unfurnished**

### PARK WALK, SW10

A charming 3/4 bedroom house situated on this quiet street, just off the Fulham Road. The property boasts a double reception on the ground floor, a family room/dining room off the kitchen on the lower ground level and a pretty courtyard garden.



**£1750.00  
per week  
furnished**

### HOLLYWOOD ROAD, SW10

This stunning 3 bedroom mews style house is located behind secure electric gates and has an off street parking space. The spacious accommodation is arranged over 4 floors and boasts a small rear garden in addition to a roof terrace off the principle bedroom.



**£1750.00  
per week  
unfurnished**

### THE LITTLE BOLTONS, SW10

A stunning newly refurbished 4 bedroom maisonette on the second and third floors of this white stucco building. Finished to a high standard throughout offering wood floors, high ceilings and a private roof terrace.



**£1250.00  
per week  
unfurnished**

### BARKSTON GARDENS, SW5

A spacious 2 bedroom mansion flat which has been finished to a very high specification. Situated on the 5th floor (with lift), commanding lovely views of the communal gardens, the flat offers walnut wood floors, high ceilings, a stereo system, plasma televisions and under floor heating.



**£695.00  
per week  
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### IFIELD ROAD, SW10

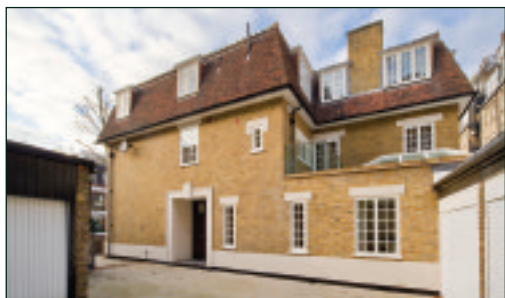
An immaculate 2/3 bedroom maisonette with the accommodation (approximately 1035 sq ft) arranged over the top floors of this period building. All the rooms are of generous proportions and include an eat-in kitchen, separate utility room and two ensembles.



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## SLOANE AVENUE, LONDON SW3

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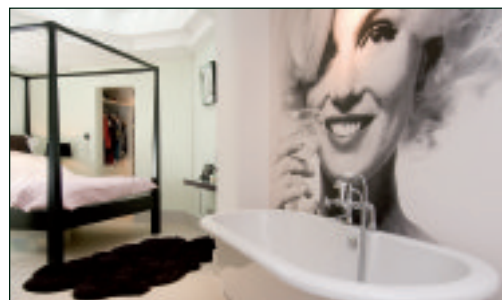
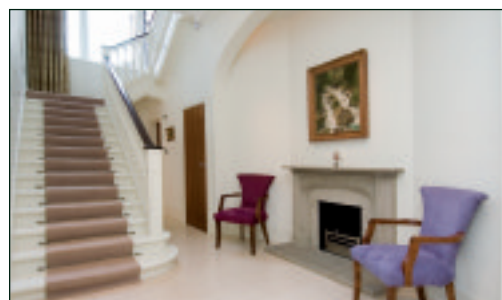
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Reception room, Kitchen, Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, Two further bedrooms, Second bathroom, Study.



## Cadogan Gardens, SW1

£9,500 p.w | Unfurnished

An exceptional and rare house in the heart of Chelsea minutes from Sloane Square. The property has undergone refurbishment works and consists of six bedrooms and an additional two bedroom basement apartment which could be used for staff accommodation or as an extension to the main house.

Entrance hall, Reception room, Kitchen/dining room, Double bedroom with en suite bathroom and dressing room, Three double bedrooms, Two single bedrooms, Three bathrooms, Guests' cloakroom, Study, Decked patio. Staff accommodation: Reception room, Kitchen, Two double bedrooms, Bathroom, Patio.

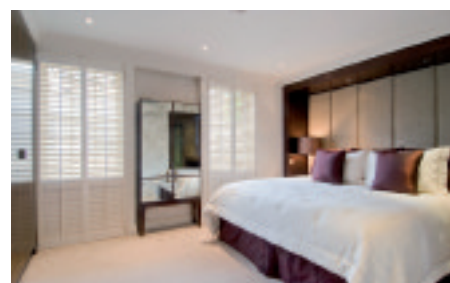
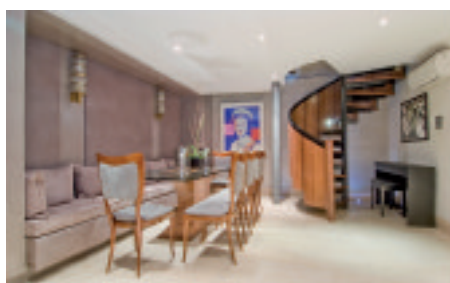
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## Montrose Place, SW1

£3,950,000 | Freehold

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The property benefits from air conditioning throughout, a conservatory and a roof terrace. Access to Belgrave Square gardens is available by separate negotiation.

Double reception room, Dining room, Kitchen, Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, Further double bedroom with en suite bathroom, Two further bedrooms, Bathroom, Study, Guests' cloakroom, Conservatory, Roof terrace.

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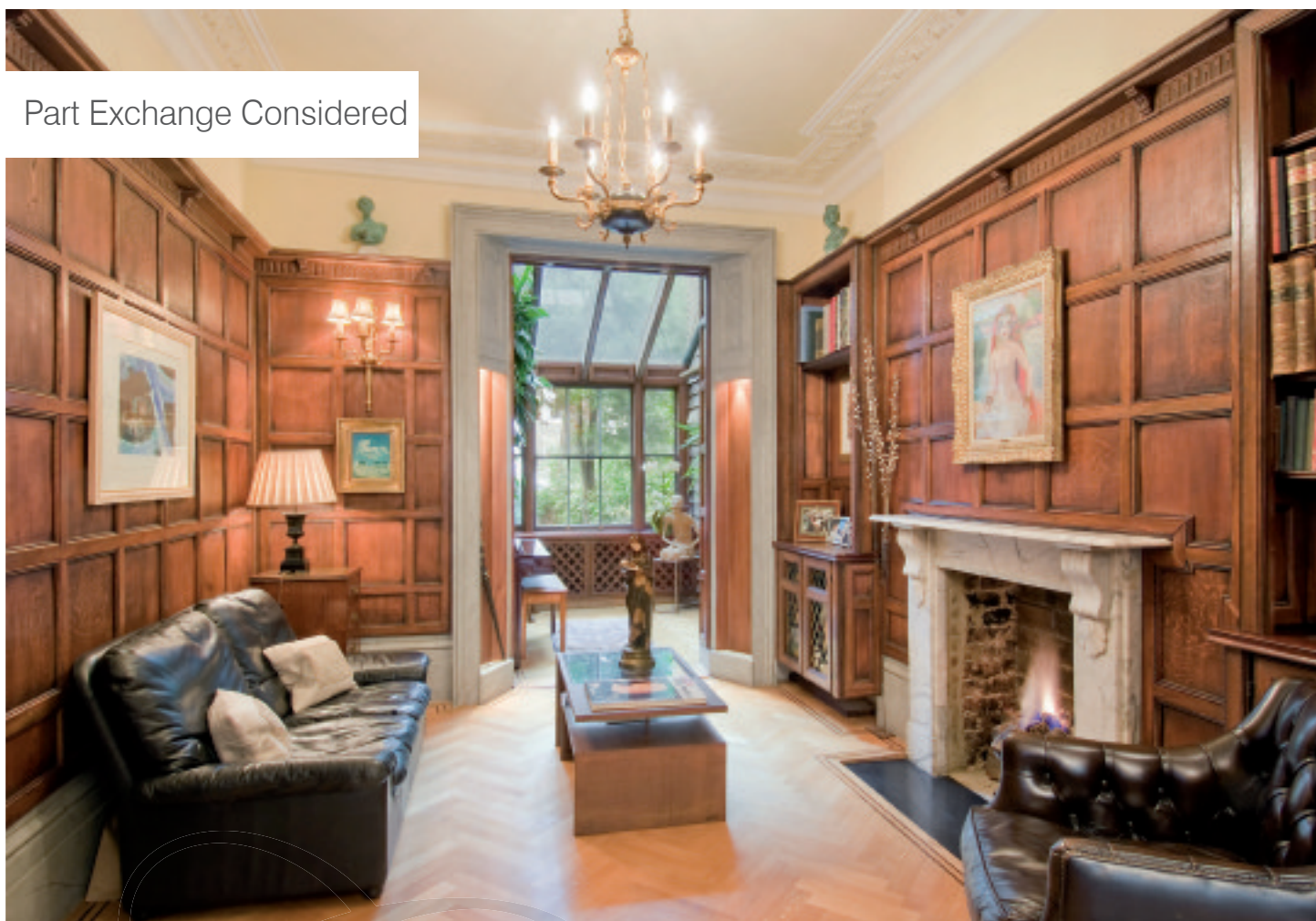
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Part Exchange Considered



## Campden Hill Road | W8

With accommodation arranged over four floors the property retains a wealth of period detail including some magnificent fireplaces and ornate plasterwork. One half of the double reception room is panelled, currently the library, with adjoining conservatory. Upstairs there is a study, 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. Outside is a charming west facing family garden. There is separate Staff accommodation on the garden floor, which also has its own staff entrance.

The property has been refurbished throughout by its present owner to offer flexible family living space. Campden Hill Road is a prestigious address on the edge of the Phillimore Estate and is well located with regard to the excellent facilities of Kensington High Street, Holland Park and Notting Hill Gate.

4 Receptions • 4 Bedrooms • 3 Bathrooms • 2 Kitchens • Fine fireplaces and plasterwork • Panelled library  
Study • Conservatory • West facing garden • Staff entrance • Staff flat  
279 m<sup>2</sup> / 3,007 ft<sup>2</sup>

Available to let at *£3,200 per week*

Available to buy at *£3,500,000 Freehold*







## Holland Park | W11

A substantial and impressive detached Grade II listed Villa in the Italianate style finished in white stucco with part-rusticated facade with many fine original internal features

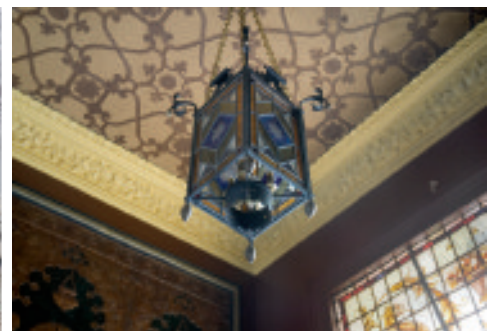
The existing accommodation offers 9,510 sq ft and is currently arranged as flats. The property is offered with the benefit of approved planning consent to reinstate it as a single house, adding a swimming pool and ballroom, taking the completed project to c. 11,200 sq ft. Many beautiful original architectural features remain throughout and are noted by English Heritage. There is a classic cast iron glazed canopy and internally there are many original shutters, fireplaces and features remaining, including a pair of ornate Corinthian columns in the principal reception room.

THE RECONFIGURED 1,024m<sup>2</sup> /11,220ft<sup>2</sup> OF ACCOMODATION MIGHT COMPRISE:

9 Bedrooms • 8 Bathrooms • 7 Reception Rooms • Lift • Two Kitchens • Two Staff Suites • Lap Pool • Ballroom/Gym • Private Garden • Fine Fireplaces

Freehold

Guide Price: *£13,000,000*







## Rutland Mews South, Knightsbridge SW7

**Refurbished Mews in the heart of Knightsbridge Village.**

- 2 Reception rooms • Kitchen • 4 Bedrooms • 2 Bathrooms
- Cloakroom • Wood floors

£1900 per week unfurnished

## Halsey Mews, Chelsea SW3

**A very well presented house in a delightful private Mews.**

- 2 Receptions • Kitchen Dining Room • 4 Bedrooms • 3 Baths
- Cloakroom • Utility Room • Terrace • Parking for 2 cars

£1200 per week unfurnished

## Cheval Place, Knightsbridge SW7

**A charming well presented Knightsbridge Village house.**

- Reception room with wood floors • Kitchen breakfast room • Three bedrooms • Conservatory • 2 bathrooms (1 ensuite) • Patio garden

£925 per week unfurnished

## Stratford Road, Kensington W8

**Contemporary style 3rd floor flat with open views.**

- Reception room • Open plan Kitchen • Double bedroom
- Single bedroom • Bathroom

£500 per week furnished



## Ennismore Mews, Knightsbridge SW7

**A charming and well presented mews house.**

- Reception room • Kitchen • 2 double bedrooms
- Single bedroom • 2 bathrooms • Cloakroom • Garage

£985 per week furnished

## Lennox Gardens, Knightsbridge SW1

**Beautifully renovated and well fitted third floor flat.**

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- Lift • Terrace

£1950 per week furnished

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- Kitchen • 5 Bedrooms • 2 Bathrooms • 2 Showers • Terrace

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## Hyde Park Gate, Kensington SW7

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- Media room
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- Two Shower rooms
- Utility room

LEASEHOLD APPROX 126 YEARS

£4,500,000

## St Luke's Street SW3



- Newly renovated
- Three bedroom four storey house
- Integral garage
- Reception
- Media/dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Two bathrooms & shower room
- Terrace & patio

FREEHOLD

£2,500,000

## Sloane Court West SW3



- Two bedroom flat
- Raised ground floor
- Drawing room
- Dining room (or third bedroom)
- Master bedroom
- Bathroom & en-suite shower room
- Kitchen
- Resident porter

LEASEHOLD

£2,350,000

## Ebury Street SW1



- Three bedroom maisonette
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- Period house
- Double reception room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
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- Cloakroom
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### Gertrude Street, London SW10

A light and airy raised ground floor flat in a quiet and desirable street between the King's Road and the Fulham Road.

Accommodation includes:

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Price: £750,000

Leasehold/Share of Freehold



### Holland Park Road, London W14

Immaculately presented townhouse situated a short walk from High Street Kensington and close to Holland Park itself.

Accommodation includes:

Kitchen/Breakfast Room opening onto South facing Garden, Double Aspect Reception Room, 2 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate Cloakroom, Garden, Integral Garage, Off Street Parking.

Price: £1,525,000

Freehold



### Somerset Square, London W14

Immaculate family house tucked away in the corner of this desirable private square, a short walk from Holland Park and High Street Kensington.

Accommodation includes:

Large Entrance Hall, Family Room and Conservatory, Leading onto Garden, Utility/Cloakroom, L-Shaped First Floor Drawing/Dining Room, Bespoke Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Bedroom 2 with En Suite Bathroom, 2 Bedrooms, Shower Room, Top Floor Master Suite with Shower Room and Terrace, Garage, Off-Street Parking, Visitor Parking, Private Square.

Price: £3,250,000

Freehold



### Abingdon Court, Abingdon Villas, London W8

On the second floor of a sought after mansion block, a stunning and imaginatively refurbished flat executed to the highest specification with a spacious south facing double reception room. Offering a turn key, lifestyle apartment ideal for London living.

Accommodation includes:

Entrance Hall, Double Reception Room, Kitchen, Master Bedroom Suite comprising Double Bedroom, Shower Room, Dressing Area, Bedroom 2, Bedroom 3/Study, Bathroom, Balcony, Lift, Porter.

Price: £2,500,000

Leasehold/Share of Freehold





FOSBURY MEWS, W2

This unique three bedroom mews house has been refurbished to an extremely high standard and includes wood floors, air - conditioning and double glazing. Interior designed with flair and attention to detail, this outstanding house is perfect for entertaining with a wonderful kitchen dining room and studio style reception room. Quietly situated in a private mews (with parking) close to Hyde Park.

£1,750 per week

Furnished/Unfurnished



CANNING PLACE MEWS, W8

This immaculate three bedroom Kensington house can be found in a quiet private mews close to shops of Gloucester Road and a couple of minutes walk from Hyde Park. Interior designed throughout with great style, this charming house is ideal for entertaining and family living with a good sized kitchen/dining room and lovely first floor reception room. There is off street parking and a garage is available by separate negotiation.

£1100 per week

Furnished/Unfurnished



STANHOPE GARDENS, SW7

Fabulous two bedroom raised ground floor flat with wonderful spacious reception rooms with exceptionally high ceilings. The property has been refurbished to an extremely high standard and is presented in immaculate condition with wooden floors in the receptions and hallways. There are also communal gardens available.

£1050 per week

Furnished



CHESTER ROW, SW1

Chester Row is a quiet and pretty street running parallel with Eaton Square in the heart of Belgravia. This period property is well placed for the amenities of Sloane Square. The extensive accommodation comprises; four bedrooms, three bathrooms (one en-suite), ground floor reception room, open plan kitchen and a south facing garden. Joint sole agent, Best Gapp 0207 730 9253.

£3,400,000

Leasehold





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**Balcony**

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**3 Double bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, dining room, drawing room, garage, garden**

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## Superb period Chelsea Draycott Place SW3 £1,195,000

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### Ranelagh Gardens SW6

£515 per week

A charming apartment in a mansion building facing the river. Located close to Putney Bridge tube station, the property boasts reception room with doors that open out to the dining room, a good sized kitchen. The bedrooms accommodation includes two double bedrooms (one en suite) and a family bathroom. Additional benefits include a lift and a resident porter. Furnished.

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## Earls Court Road W8

£950 per week

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## Holland Park W11

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## Chester Square SW1

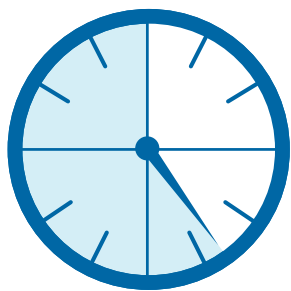
£1,850 per week

A striking maisonette arranged over the first, second and third floors or an impressive stucco fronted house in prime Belgravia. The refurbished and interior designed property includes four good sized bedrooms, two bathrooms, a large triple aspect reception room with a dining area and an open plan sleek, modern kitchen and access to Belgravia Square gardens. Furnished.

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### £2,300,000 Leasehold Carlisle Place SW1

This delightful four bedroom mansion flat is ideally placed for easy access to Victoria and St James's Park.

4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en-suite), Separate shower room, Reception room, Kitchen/breakfast room, Utility room, 24 hour porter.

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### £1,995,000 Share of Freehold Oakley Street SW3

A fabulous maisonette spread over four floors with the additional benefit of a large roof with spectacular views over London.

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### £1,700,000 Freehold Sussex Street SW1

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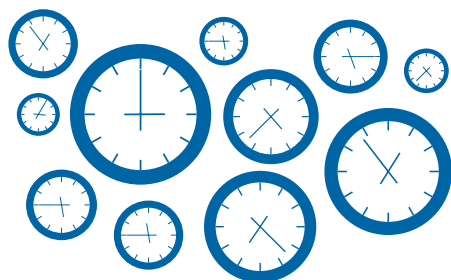
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**£625 per week Furnished**  
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